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Volunteers from Northern Marianas Diving Operations Association, POI Aviation, and the Marianas Visitors Authority aid the Commonwealth Ports Authority in clearing trees and debris at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Nov. 7, 2018. Closed to regular flights in late October following Super Typhoon Yutu, the airport resumed regular daytime operations yesterday, Nov. 15, 2018. MVA

Daytime flights resume

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The Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport resumed regular daytime flights yesterday and aims to resume regular nighttime flights this Tuesday, Nov. 20, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio.

Tenorio

» CPA targets re-opening nighttime flights this Tuesday

In a phone interview last night, Tenorio also disclosed that, with the help of volunteers from the tourism industry, CPA has already removed 80 percent of the debris at the airport.

All of the Saipan airports jetways were, however, damaged during Super Typhoon Yutu, so incoming pas-

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Voter turnout: 77.4 pct.

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» Despite 2 typhoons, a record high 14,649 voted

This year's general election proved to be the biggest in CNMI history.

Of the record-breaking 18,926 registered voters, a total of 14,649 voted, translating to a high voter turnout of 77.4 percent, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission's official tabulation of ballots.

In the 2014 general election, out

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FSM gives $100K aid for Yutu recovery

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The Federated States of Micronesia is doing its share of helping the CNMI with its rebuilding and recovery efforts.

FSM Consul General Teresea M. Felepin turned over a $100,000 check to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who is fresh from winning a bitter election last Tuesday. Honorary FSM consul for the CNMI Diego T. Benavente and Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) was present to welcome Felepin.

This was Felepin's second visit to Saipan, the first during the commissioning of Benavente as FSM's honorary consul for the CNMI.

Torres thanked FSM for the donation. "There are a lot of good folks

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Casino temporarily closed until resumption of flights

Super Typhoon Yutu left a trail of destruction on Saipan and Tinian. The natural disaster has been heart-wrenching because the storm left our beautiful islands looking like a war zone. The islandwide destruction affected personal property, our infrastructure and the business community. Like so many others, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC was included in this trail of destruction.

Unfortunately, the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport was not spared, suffering millions of dollars in damage and forcing authorities to close the airport except for emergency purposes. The airport's closure has put a complete halt to the tourist industry because commercial flights have been suspended until the airport is safe for commercial flights to resume again.

Imperial Pacific also suffered millions of dollars in unexpected damage, forcing the company to

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NAP to implement Emergency Food Assistance

The CNMI Nutrition Assistance Program will implement two programs under the Emergency Food Assistance: Disaster NAP, or D-NAP, and Supplemental Disaster Assistance on Saipan and Tinian.

DNAP is a program for residents who are currently not recipients of the Nutrition Assistance Program, while the Supplemental Disaster Assistance program is for recipients currently enrolled in the program.

Emergency Food Assistance will be implemented on Tinian at the Tinian Gymnasium on Nov. 15 to 21, from 8am to 2pm and on Saipan at the Nutrition Assistance Program office in As Lito on Nov. 25 to Dec. 1, 2018, from 8am to 6pm.

Eligibility requirements

Eligibility will be determined on the basis of identity, residency, resources, income and disaster related expenses for the disaster period Oct. 23 to Nov. 22, 2018. Applicants must fill out a disaster application and submit required documentation or affidavits, if no or any documentation can be provided. Affidavit forms will be provided at the time of application.

1 Identity—An adult applicant must provide his or her valid photo identification such as a driver's license or passport. The identity for all other household members will also be verified. Examples of documents are birth certificates or passports for household members.

2 Residency—Applicants must have resided on Saipan, Tinian or the Northern Islands on Oct. 23, 2018, and must provide proof of residency. This can be verified by providing a billing in the name of the adult head of household. Examples of billings are utility, cable, phone or insurance, vehicle registration, or rent receipts.

3 Resources Limits—Resources are bank accounts that were accessible to household such as checking and savings account during the period Oct. 23 to Nov. 22, 2018. Accounts that cannot be accessed during this period will not be considered as resources. Examples of verification for resources are current bank statements. Households who exceed the resources limits below will not be considered for eligibility and D-NAP benefits.

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Prominent GOP bets lose; Republicans remain majority

Several local GOP lawmakers lost in their respective bids in last Tuesday's election, with House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan being one of the party leaders who failed to keep their seats in the coming 21st CNMI Legislature.

The Republicans kept their majority hold in the House, however, winning 13 of the 20 seats; the rest of the members ran as independent bets, including four of the six new faces.

Demapan ran for re-election with Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair John Paul P. Sablan for the two seats in Precinct 2. The latter earned the second highest number of votes behind independent bet Tina Sablan.

Tina Sablan, a former lawmaker and one of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's staff at the NMI Congressional Office, pulled off what could be considered a huge upset in when she topped Precinct 2 with of 629 votes.

J.P. Sablan was second with 550, while Demapan was 18 votes behind with 532.

Vice speaker Janet U. Maratita of Precinct 1 and Precinct 3's Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz, who previously held the second highest position in the House during the 18th Legislature, are two names who could be potential candidates for the speakership race.

Maratita previously served in the 14th, 17th, and 18th Legislatures, while Dela Cruz was a member of the 15th to 18th, where he was the vice speaker, and 20th.

Floor leader Glenn L. Maratita lost his bid to represent Rota once more at the House, losing to Donald M. Manglona for the lone seat, with the latter garnering 765 votes against the 631 of the former.

Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. (Precinct 1), Alice S. Igitol (Precinct 4), and Francisco C. Aguon (Precinct 5) were the other incumbent GOP lawmakers who lost in their respective re-election bids.

Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, who served from the 13th to 20th Legislature, failed in his bid to clinch a Senate seat, with Rep. Angel A. Demapan also losing in the race for the CNMI delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Donald C. Barcinas, who left the Republican Party a few weeks before the elections to oppose Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' decision to sign the bill legalizing marijuana use in the CNMI, lost his re-election in Precinct 3.

Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (Precinct 1); Precinct 3's Ivan A. Blanco, B.J. Attao, and Jose I. Itibus, and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero of Precinct 5 were the other GOP bets that won their re-election.

They will be joining Janet Maratita, J.P. Sablan, Dela Cruz, the returning Roman C. Benavente (Precinct 1) and Ralph N. Yumul (Precinct 3), and newcomers Luis John DLG Castro (Precinct 1), Joel C. Camacho (Precinct 4), and Antonio SN Borja (Precinct 6) to form the GOP majority.

It is not at all bad news for the local GOP, with Senate President Arnold I. Palacios becoming the lieutenant governor-elect as the running mate of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Rep. Edwin P. Aldan won in his bid to replace Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas after getting 879 votes against the 523 of Henry H. San Nicolas.

Rep. Vinnie F. Sablan will be moving to the Senate in the next Legislature after becoming the top vote getter in the race for the two seats in the Third Senatorial District. He had 6,076 votes.

Senate vice president Steve K. Mesngon decided not to seek re-election but ran as an independent bet for the Rota mayor post, where he finished third behind incumbent Efraim M. Atalig (576) and Julie Marie O. Manglona (487). ***(Jon Perez)***

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Judge orders return of $100K to former DPS chief, ex-cop

Citing that the Office of the Attorney General has not filed new charges and there are no other matters pending in court, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho gave the go-ahead Wednesday to return the $100,000 bail that former Department of Public Safety commissioner James Patrick Camacho Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse Anthony Salas Concepcion had posted.

Camacho also ordered that all bail conditions imposed on both men to be lifted and exonerated.

Camacho said any passport and other monetary and property bail shall be returned to Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

The court previously imposed a bail of $100,000 each on Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion. The court also imposed restrictions on the two such as house arrest, surrendering passports, staying away from the alleged victim, among other things.

Camacho noted that assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio did not oppose the defendants' motion to exonerate.

Last month, the CNMI Supreme Court denied the government's petition to order the Superior Court to reinstate the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

The high court also denied the government's request for the justices to order Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja to recuse Camacho from the case.

In the high court's decision, the justices said they find Camacho's determination logical.

Camacho presided over the case. In 2016, Camacho dismissed without prejudice the charges against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion. That means the OAG may re-file the charges.

Camacho earlier ruled that the government failed to prove essential elements that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion committed sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; that the government has produced no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion conspired to have sex with a minor; and that the government presented no evidence that the alleged offense occurred.

Instead of re-filing new charges, OAG chose to file a petition for a writ of mandamus before the CNMI Supreme Court.

At the motion to exonerate hearing last Wednesday, Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion appeared with their counsel Matthew Holley and Charity Hodson. Tenorio appeared for the government. Tenorio was not the counsel for the government during the preliminary hearing in this case.

In granting the motion, Camacho said pursuant to CNMI Supreme Court rules, a party has 30 days to file a petition for a rehearing if the party wishes for the high court to reconsider its ruling.

"The 30-day deadline has passed and no petition for rehearing has been filed with the CNMI Supreme Court," Camacho pointed out.

The judge noted that the failure of the case at the preliminary hearing stems from the OAG filing one type of sex crime and then calling witnesses to testify about another type of crime.

Camacho said the OAG does not know the necessary elements to prove probable cause for the crime of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Camacho said OAG's first failure is that there was no testimony that the alleged victim knew the defendants were police officers, or that they used their position of authority to force or pressure the alleged victim to having sex.

In a nutshell, the judge said sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree requires the element of position of authority in relation to the victim.

Camacho said it means that the government must show that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion used their position of authority to accomplish the sexual abuse.

Camacho said three witnesses testified, and not one witness gave any testimony that the alleged victim knew that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were police officers.

The judge said if the allege victim did not know that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were police officers, that position of authority cannot be used in relation to the girl.

Camacho also noted that there was no testimony of any other indication of position of authority as police officers.

"For example, no police vehicles were used, no police uniform, no police radio, no other type of identification that would have been at a minimum an indication of position of authority as police officers," the judge said.

Camacho said that during the 2016 preliminary hearing, he asked if the prosecutor was proceeding with any charges of prostitution, but the prosecutor stated that OAG did not wish to file any prostitution charges.

Camacho said OAG's failure is their strange and bizarre flawed logic of "transferred babysitter" status to customers of prostitution.

The judge said because the OAG filed incorrect charges not supported by the testimony of three witnesses, OAG resorted to using a strange and bizarre flawed logic.

He said the prosecutor argued that Annette Basa, the madam/procurer of prostitution, was acting like a babysitter.

He said the prosecutor argued that when Basa dropped off the girl to Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion for purposes of prostitution, somehow Basa "transferred her babysitter status" to the two customers.

Camacho said Webster defines babysitter as one who babysits, which is defined as caring for children usually during a short absence of the parents.

He said babysitters are typically family or family friends, who look after and supervise younger siblings or other children.

He said babysitters can also be people paid to care for children.

Camacho said Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion are customers who allegedly paid Basa to have sex with a prostitute, the alleged victim.

"The defendants are not babysitters," the judge pointed out. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

DAYTIME

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sengers on daytime flights will be using the staircases for now. Tenorio said two staircases were provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Tenorio said they are targeting to resume regular nighttime flights by Nov. 20, Tuesday.

Tenorio said that CPA personnel have been clearing debris from the airport right after Yutu but CPA also hired a contractor for some minor and major debris that needed to be removed.

Tenorio said many volunteers helped CPA's cleanup yesterday that started at 8am and finished at 6pm.

Dozens of volunteers from the tourism industry assisted CPA's cleanup drive yesterday to ensure the airport is shipshape following Yutu.

Volunteers from Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association, POI Aviation, and the Marianas Visitors Authority began several days of clearing the facility.

"The CNMI is tourism islands, and we need guests to come back," NMDOA president Hitoshi Yamaguchi said.

MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion said that, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency earlier stated, getting businesses and the economy back up is a priority, and that all are looking forward to once again welcoming visitors to the islands.

"Tourism is still the primary economic driver of the Marianas, and the sooner we resume regular tourism operations, the better for businesses, employees, the government, and the community," he said.

Concepcion thanked industry partners for assisting CPA and to all those helping in many different ways across Saipan and Tinian—for their extra assistance to the government and community during this time of need.

"The progress we are making as a unified community is just tremendous," he said.

Last year, MVA said the CNMI welcomed nearly 660,000 visitors, primarily from Korea, China, and Japan.

VOTER

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of 17,986 registered voters, a total of 13,798 voted—a 76.7 percent turnout.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said yesterday that Tuesday's election was a pretty good turnout, considering the situation everyone was facing after Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation on Saipan and Tinian.

Igitol said that voter turnout on election day itself was pretty high, as well as with the early voting and absentee voting.

Igitol said the tabulation of ballots was the longest because of the situation.

"If we weren't in this recovery stage from [Super] Typhoon Yutu I think we would have done the tabulation faster," she said.

Igitol said they had to wait for the Rota ballots to come in as they were not able to get a charter flight at night. "That's all due to the Yutu," she said.

There was also an issue with the software that was programmed for the two tabulation machines, since it could not be read on the other machine, Igitol said.

She, however, stated that the machines had nothing to do with the delay in the tabulation; rather, it caused by the late arrival of Rota ballots and the long processing of absentee ballots.

Igitol said she cannot answer as to why the processing of absentee ballots took that long as she was on Rota doing the preliminary count.

Polls closed Tuesday at 7pm.

Rota ballots arrived at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe for tabulation Wednesday at 12:05pm.

On Wednesday past 6am, CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez announced the results of tabulation from all precincts except Rota votes and absentee ballots.

Villagomez completed the reading of final tally Wednesday at 6:10pm.

CASINO

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make adjustments to ensure typhoon cleanup and repairs are done safely so employees and development continues to be protected.

Initially, once all the tourists left our islands, Imperial Pacific decided to have limited casino operation hours for two weeks, from Nov. 2 to Nov. 15, 2018. Essential employees were identified to work limited operation hour shifts; and non-essential employees were allowed to either take paid time off or voluntarily participate in the company-initiated community service program with stipend allocation, to help in the community's recovery efforts. Over the past few weeks, Imperial Pacific has undertaken an assessment on steps the company must take to survive the unforeseeable business effects of this natural disaster.

Imperial Pacific has recently learned that, although the Saipan International Airport is scheduled to resume normal operations soon, our previous experience with Typhoon Soudelor was that it took several weeks for the tourist population to normalize because tour packages were cancelled and it will take time to entice visitors to visit our typhoon-ravaged islands.

In order to make the necessary post-typhoon repairs and because Imperial Pacific did not want to continue to keep casino open by attracting only residents to patronize the casino, Imperial Pacific has made the difficult decision to temporarily shut down casino operations effective Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, until further notice. Imperial Pacific hopes that the islands' main industry—the tourism market—rebounds immediately after full airport operations so the company can resume normal casino operations. ***(PR)***

FSM

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here who call these islands home, and we thank them for weathering the storm with us and building a stronger CNMI. We are really blessed with our entire community and I am happy to say that many are productive members of this Commonwealth."

Some 3,000 FSM citizens live in the CNMI.

"With the FSM government's partnership, we are humbled to receive this $100,000 donation for the FSM community. I thank Consul General Felepin who presented this token of appreciation and donation to the Commonwealth for its partnership with the FSM community."

Benavente said many homes of FSM citizens in the CNMI suffered major damage or were totally destroyed and lost their property. FSM's Congress would soon hold a special session to appropriate additional funding to donate to the CNMI.

Felepin recalled her previous experience when Typhoon Maysak devastated Yap where the community had to be housed in the few concrete structures on the island and be tied to one another. She said that even a steel container filled with school supplies was blown away but no one in their community was hurt.

Torres said they would make sure the FSM community in the CNMI would receive the money. "We want to distribute this equally and see that it directly benefits the FSM community and their families. I truly appreciate this partnership as we work to assist all our citizens with food, water and shelter."

"To all our Yap, Kosrae, Chuuk and Pohnpei families, friends, and neighbors, we are looking at staging areas to begin distribution of additional supplies and donations. Every penny will go a long way and if there is any one goal for the next four years, it would be to continue fostering and building stronger relationships. We will continue working together and close these gaps."

He added: "I echo Consul General Teresa's sentiments that our people and cultures are so similar, and so resilient, and no matter our political affiliations and status, we will always be one Micronesia."

Super Typhoon Yutu hit Saipan and Tinian last month.

Blanco said Felepin's visit to Saipan is intended to follow up on the status of the CNMI's recovery efforts and to also check on FSM citizens affected by Yutu. He joined Torres, Benavente, and the entire CNMI in thanking the FSM leadership for its support.

"These funds will go along way to aid our residents and fill gaps for those who are not qualified for certain FEMA assistance due to their citizenship. I thank [FSM President Peter M. Christian], Speaker Wesley Simina, members of the FSM Congress, Consul General Felepin for this generous support in our time of need," said Blanco.

Interior Dept. has approved $1.6M-plus to help CNMI

The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved the release of $1.63 million to help the people of the CNMI as they work to rebuild the U.S. territory following Super Typhoon Yutu.

Interior will provide $1 million in Capital Improvement Program funds to build temporary classroom pods and $632,500 in technical assistance funds to provide emergency shelter stations with disaster-related supplies to meet needs for families still without homes.

"Homes, schools, and people's lives were devastated in the CNMI following Super Typhoon Yutu," said Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary, insular and international affairs, this week. "Secretary Ryan Zinke and I are pleased to be a part of this administration's timely and full efforts to help the CNMI recover as quickly as possible."

On Oct. 24, 2018, the CNMI was hit by Super Typhoon Yutu, devastating homes, businesses, roads, and utilities, severely impacting the lives of many islanders.

The White House issued an emergency declaration immediately due to the initial conditions surrounding Yutu beginning on Oct. 24. Then, on Oct. 27, President Trump declared the existence of a major disaster, thereby making immediately available to Rota, Tinian, and Saipan the full range of federal assistance for recovery. FEMA and the Department of Defense are leading the recovery efforts.

The Interior secretary is responsible for coordinating federal policy with respect to the territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance provided under the Compact of Free Association to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, executes these responsibilities, on behalf of the Secretary, through the Office of Insular Affairs whose mission is to foster economic opportunities, promote government efficiency, and improve the quality of life for the people of the insular areas. ***(PR)***

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Saipan's first golf course is revived, re-opened

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The first golf course ever built on Saipan has been revived and is finally open to players—at an affordable price for people to unwind following the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu.

The company that owns the Saipan Vegas Resort, MP Holdings, has brought the former Saipan Country Club golf course back to life and opened it to the public last Monday.

The opening of the golf course comes at a perfect time as it gives members of the Saipan community a place to take their family to unwind over a game of golf at a low price.

According to Mariana Entertainment LLC consultant Gus Noble, MP Holdings takes pride in the affordability of its resort, its game room, and now its golf course. "We priced it…like our resort…to be affordable…" he said.

Everyone can enjoy a game or two at the newly renovated Saipan Country Club golf course for as low as $5 a round.

"…It's affordable, fun, and its good exercise so we want the community to come out," said Noble. "The golf course isn't a professional…course…it's a fun golf course, a nine-hole golf course. It's good for families, it's good for beginners."

Noble said that MP Holdings' only goal is to maintain the island's hidden gem and to keep it running for the people of Saipan.

"Because the golf course and the Country Club is part of Saipan, we aim to maintain it and keep it running as the first golf course. …With its location and pricing, it is really for everyone…it is well and truly the very first and original golf course on Saipan and many locals have fond memories of either learning, playing golf, or running on the golf course, or even getting mangos from the golf course," he said.

Renovations include the reconstruction of pathways, improvement to the greenery, and basically overall cleanup.

"We mainly gave it a good tidy-up and we improved all the greens because they were all patchy…we fixed the pathways and just did a general renovation to the golf course to bring it back to reasonable specs," said Noble.

Noble noted that MP Holdings bought the Saipan Country Club golf course along with the land that the Saipan Vegas Resort and gaming parlor were built on.

"We saw an opportunity when we saw the golf course was up for sale…we saw an opportunity to bring the golf course back online for the people of Saipan and so we did. At the same time, we built a hotel and we were able to build our gaming room," he said.

The Saipan Country Club golf course was established around the 1960s and was created by the U.S. Department of Defense.

RE-ENLISTMENT
U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, right, the commander for Joint Region Marianas and Task Force-West, re-enlists Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Loveland at the Logistics Support Area in Marpi on Nov. 11, 2018. Service members from Joint Region Marianas and other units from within U.S. Indo-Pacific Command assigned to Task Force-West are providing Department of Defense support to the CNMI's civil and local officials as part of Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts in the CNMI. SSGT. JAMES KENNEDY BENJAMIN

U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Nadine Concepcion-Reyes, center, a soldier with the 9th Mission Support Command, currently assigned to Joint Task Group-Saipan, Task Force-West, sings a number with her brother, J.J. Concepcion, left, and other local artists during a Veterans Day gathering in Marpi on Nov. 11, 2018. SSGT. JAMES KENNEDY BENJAMIN

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Saipan Vegas Resort joins Yutu relief efforts

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The Saipan Vegas Resort has joined the list of those who has offered its help in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu.

In the spirit of recovery, the Saipan Vegas Resort has opened its well to those still in need of non-drinking water post-Super Typhoon Yutu.

According to Mariana Entertainment LLC consultant Gus Noble, since the Saipan Vegas Resort's golf course has its own deep well for irrigation purposes, "we were able to work with the government, Bureau of Environment and Coastal Quality, to provide non-drinking water to the public."

Noble said that Saipan Vegas Resort's deep well is open to the public every afternoon from 1pm to 4pm and will remain open until the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. gets water completely up and running.

"We are happy to provide that as part of our help to the community," he said.

Noble reported that many have already visited Saipan Vegas Resort to obtain water since they opened their well to the public.

"Although CUC is starting to come online now—they have been doing an amazing job—we still have a lot of people coming in everyday to get water," he said.

Aside from offering non-potable water, Saipan Vegas Resort has also helped its own staff, providing them with a little care package that contained some relief goods, dry goods and some candies for the children.

"One of the things we are very proud of is…that we are a 100-percent local and U.S. worker employer and we really value our employees…We provided everyone with [care packages] for every single employee we have [to] give a little bit of help in this difficult time," said Noble.

Saipan Vegas Resort itself sustained major damage as a result of Super Typhoon Yutu but it was able to bounce back almost immediately.

"The second story of the building got pretty beaten up but the building itself is a really strong concrete building…We lost seven rooms but that was only because the rooms were so strong…it didn't break the windows, it pushed them out of the frames…Within two weeks, we were able to get all those rooms back up…We were able to recover from the typhoon fairly quickly," he said.

"With our own generator and our own water supply…we actually never shut down during or after the typhoon" he added.

Saipan Vegas Resort offers a local discount of only $40 a night and is open to those seeking emergency accommodation. Residents must provide a locally issued ID upon check in.

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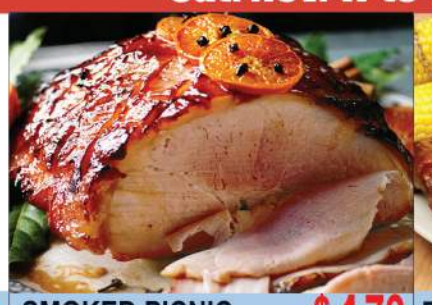

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PH consul appeals vs double dipping

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The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam is appealing to Filipino nationals on Saipan who have already obtained financial assistance from the last two distributions to avoid claiming benefits again to give others a chance at being aided.

The consulate general, in coordination with the office of Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, will be handing out financial assistance again—its third—to Filipino households on Saipan at the Kristo Rai Parish social hall, today, Nov. 16 with distributions to start at 8:30am.

Vice consul Alex Vallespin told *Saipan Tribune* the cash assistance is worth $50.

Requirements include a photocopy of a valid Philippine passport's biographic page. Beneficiaries are being urged to bring a pen.

Vallespin noted that those who have already claimed financial assistance during the two previous distributions are ineligible to claim additional benefits today.

He confirmed that during their previous financial assistance outreach just a week after Super Typhoon Yutu hit the islands of Saipan and Tinian, their system detected instances of beneficiaries twice claiming the $50 allotted per household.

"…We saw [upon reviewing our records] a certain individual who claimed their assistance benefits twice. In contrast, on Tinian, one Filipino *kababayan* (countryman) reached out to us to return the benefit that was accidentally claimed twice," Vallespin said. He noted that the individual on Tinian had a miscommunication with his spouse and accidentally claimed the benefit twice.

"He chased our vehicle to return the $50 because his wife already claimed their assistance benefit," Vallespin noted.

"We have already noted individuals who have previously claimed [financial assistance benefits] and we do not want them claiming their benefits twice," said Vallespin.

"…We appeal to the understanding of our *kababayans* that, as much as possible, only one per family should claim their financial assistance benefit honestly."

In early November, the consulate provided $50 in financial assistance to 400 Filipino families on Saipan and over 200 on Tinian in response to the destruction of Yutu late October 2018.

PH consular outreach sees a drop on participation

The Philippine consular outreach of the Kristo Rai Parish social hall, which started Wednesday and ends today, is the last outreach effort of PCG to the CNMI for the year.

Vallespin said the number of open slots for passport renewal processing as of 10am Wednesday were at about 100. Vallespin noted that all five of the consular outreach trips done last year saw the 420 limit of passport renewal processing requests per trip.

The previous four trips also maxed out at 420.

"…So far this time, it's pretty low," Vallespin said of the number of passport renewal processing requests. He added that he could not confirm whether it was due to the recent Super Typhoon Yutu, but he said it was probable. "When things normalize here, maybe they would be more willing to shell out the $60 for renewing their passports," he said.

He said the consulate general would still strive toward at least five consular outreach trips to the CNMI this coming 2019.

Social media serves as outlet for many in this election

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Many voters, candidates, election watchdogs, and even members of the media took to social media during this year's general election, branching out from traditional forms of expression such as print media or radio to get their messages across via new means such as the internet.

Some used social media to campaign, to express frustrations, to share their joy, or to express their excitement. It was an emotional outlet for many. Using platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and even Snapchat, members of the CNMI community expressed their emotions about the election through words, emoticons, and even short clips.

Many political fights and attacks played out on Facebook—a new twist to an old system—with supporters and opponents exchanging accusations all over social media.

In the latest instance, many members of the CNMI community took to Facebook throughout election tabulation night to express their dissatisfaction with the system used to tabulate and tally this year's votes.

In this election, the Commonwealth Election Commission broke with more than a decade of tradition and, instead of tabulating and tallying one precinct at a time and releasing the information as it is made available, it decided to tabulate and tally all the votes at once, and release the results all together. That new system was a surprise to many, who had to wait until sunup of the day after the election, to learn of the results.

As one social media user puts it, "I went to bed thinking I'd wake up and learn who the winners are. Instead, I learned that I have questions for the CEC."

Precinct 1 Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), who also took to Facebook to vent his frustration at the slow count—at how upset he was that, after waiting for nine hours after all polls closed and all the ballots were collected, there was still no information yet from the CEC. He pointed out that, in the U.S. election, results were known even before the polls close.

The CNMI results were not released until around 6am Wednesday morning—nearly 12 hours after the polls officially closed.

Despite all the posts expressing disappointment in the CEC's new and unannounced system, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram blew up with congratulatory messages from precinct constituents once the tally results were finally released.

There were also numerous posts of excitement from candidates who woke up to find that they won the election.

Social media outlets were also swarmed with sympathetic words for those who did not

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Two Japanese researchers study viral resistance of rhino beetles

Scientists across the Pacific region are collaborating to control the spread of the coconut rhinoceros beetle, an invasive species that is lethal to coconut palm trees.

Most recently, University of Guam entomologist Dr. Aubrey Moore hosted two research entomologists from Japan who were returning from a CRB fact-finding trip in Palau.

One way to control the beetle population that has been successful elsewhere is infecting them with a virus called OrNV, which attacks only rhino beetles. OrNV was introduced many years ago into rhino beetle populations on many Pacific Islands that had been invaded by the CRB, and the damage they caused disappeared. Unfortunately, the CRB population, which is rapidly killing coconut palms in Guam and elsewhere in the Pacific, is now resistant to OrNV strains that worked in the past.

Madoka Nakai, a professor at Tokyo University of Agriculture & Technology, and Shin-ichiro Asano, an associate professor at Hokkaido University's Research Faculty of Agriculture, are virology experts who are interested in understanding the mechanism that helps CRBs resist viral infection. They stopped in Guam on Nov. 1-4 to gain a better understanding of the issue in Guam after their time in Palau.

"While in Palau, we did detect the virus in beetle DNA, but we found no indication of infection," Nakai said.

This was disappointing news to Moore, but the good news is that these scientists will be collaborating to find a solution to control the destructive beetle in Guam.

Nakai is excited by the possibilities of this research.

"We are asking important questions, such as what size a beetle population must be to cause the devastating damage we see in Guam? How are the beetles resisting the virus? What are the differences between the Guam biotype and other biotypes?"

With funding from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Nakai proposes to undertake basic biology studies of the CRB-G biotype from Guam and possibly cross-breed it with beetles not of the Guam biotype to understand the mechanism that helps it resist viral infection.

"We are working with a Pacific-wide collaboration of scientists trying to solve this problem that is critical for Pacific Islanders," Moore said. "Researchers from Guam, New Zealand, Malaysia, Japan, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands are united in their efforts to find a virus that can be used to control and be lethal to the coconut rhinoceros beetles before we lose most of our palms and to stop it spreading to more islands." ***(PR)***

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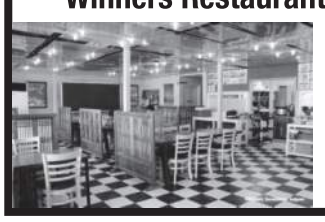
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'We need to harden our infrastructure'

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the government should look into hardening its power and water infrastructure so that distribution and supply won't be affected if ever another strong typhoon hits the CNMI.

"Our government should seriously look into the hardening of our infrastructure such as generators near wells and pumps once we're back on our feet again," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune*.

Two destructive storms passed by the CNMI in a span of almost two month, with Typhoon Mangkhut hitting Rota on Sept. 10, while Super Typhoon Yutu pummeled Saipan and Tinian last October.

"We have to expect a typhoon every year [and] we should always be prepared for situations like this," said Manglona, adding that everyone should have water a day after every major typhoon.

What happened to the $4.5 million that the federal government gave the CNMI to make its water infrastructures typhoon-resilient? That's what Manglona would like to know.

"That's why one of the things that I asked during our last session is why is it that we still don't use the $4.5 million that the federal [government] gave us to put generators around the 100 wells that we have and encase them in concrete buildings?"

"That project is still not complete. We need to do that right away, beginning today, so that when the next typhoon comes, water, unlike electricity, should be restored within a day or two."

Getting the water wells and pumps operating became one of the concerns after Yutu's destruction, with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and federal partners like the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. military working hard to provide water.

Manglona added although it is a bit expensive, the government should also study the possibility of having the island's power lines buried. "That's something that we have to look into…especially in critical areas in the main highways and roads."

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management public information officer Nadine Deleon Guerrero said in an earlier interview that burying power cables had been discussed but the focus now is restoring power to the entire island.

"Right now, our main focus is recovery and relief. Until we get those, at least the temporary fix of wooden power poles in place, that would definitely be back on the table," she said. "At this point, we are just focused on getting the power and water running."

Manglona pointed out, though, that water is an important resource. "We need to work on that first. Put those wells in place and protect them from the typhoon. So, that in a day or two after a typhoon, everyone should have water. We can talk a lot of many things that we want to do, but at least focus in water."

Manglona said that Rota did not have any problems with its water supply and distribution on Rota after Mangkhut."The federal [government] gave us almost $5 million…I think we should do that right away."

Rota returning to normal

Manglona also said the situation on Rota is going back to normal two months after Mangkhut. "Water and power are now back on the island. The people are trying to work on their homes by repairing them…with the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Things are moving along."

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The disaster assistance period for Super Typhoon Yutu is Oct. 28, 2018, to April 27, 2019.

Who can apply for DUA?

Individuals who worked in the major disaster area at the time of the disaster and are totally, part-totally, or partially unemployed as a direct result of the disaster may apply for DUA.

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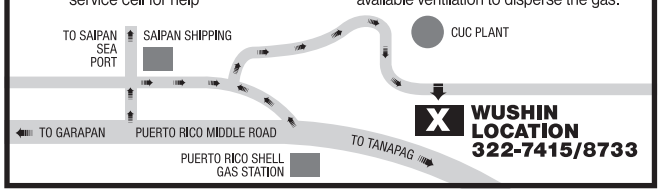

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Michelle Obama comes home to Chicago with a powerful story to tell

Years before the Obama presidency, a Harvard Law grad who was committed to making a difference in the community ran a Chicago nonprofit group. No, not him. We're talking about her, Michelle Obama, whose professional potential matched her husband's back in the day. A check of the archives from 1993-95 shows that Michelle Obama and Barack Obama each were quoted in a couple of Tribune articles related to their separate work lives. Because each was an influential young Chicagoan.

So whatever happened to that impressive couple? Barack Obama, we hear, is active in retirement. Michelle Obama is the rock star now. On Tuesday she headlines at the United Center in an interview appearance with Oprah Winfrey. This will be opening night of Obama's book tour on the day of official publication of her post-White House memoir, "Becoming."

Born and raised on the South Side, educated at Princeton before Harvard, Michelle Obama went on an extraordinary journey—just not the one she envisioned for herself in 1989 when she was Barack Obama's mentor at Chicago law firm Sidley Austin. Behind one door to the future, Michelle Robinson might have spurned his advances and gone on to become a partner at Sidley or taken some other path to becoming a mover or shaker. Things worked out differently because she chose a different door.

According to reviews, Obama writes in "Becoming" about the tension between a professional woman's desire to "have it all" and the sacrifices a wife and mother must make, in this case in support of a husband with political aspirations. Their marriage struggled at times; counseling helped. Some aspects of her life reflect universal or at least familiar experiences. Others are utterly unique because the Obamas made history as the first African-American family in the White House.

It's how Michelle Obama fulfilled her responsibilities as first lady while staying true to herself—as a highly educated woman and mom—that makes her a rock star to many Americans. The public saw her pursue causes such as reducing childhood obesity while nurturing her daughters, baring her toned arms and going on date nights with the commander in chief. At every turn she was judged, sometimes harshly, but kept her balance. This was the ultimate in "having it all."

Less understood were Obama's opinions and decisions related to public life. That's because staying guarded while presenting a positive, unified front is part of the job of first lady. That ends for sure on Tuesday with publication of the book and the start of the speaking tour. For Obama's many fans, this is an ecstatic moment, a chance to hear more from a beloved, respected woman and gain insight into the world as she sees it.

Michelle Obama is a role model and powerful communicator unlike any previous first lady. She is a historic figure in her own right. The fact that she's a native Chicagoan, a South Sider, makes her even more special.

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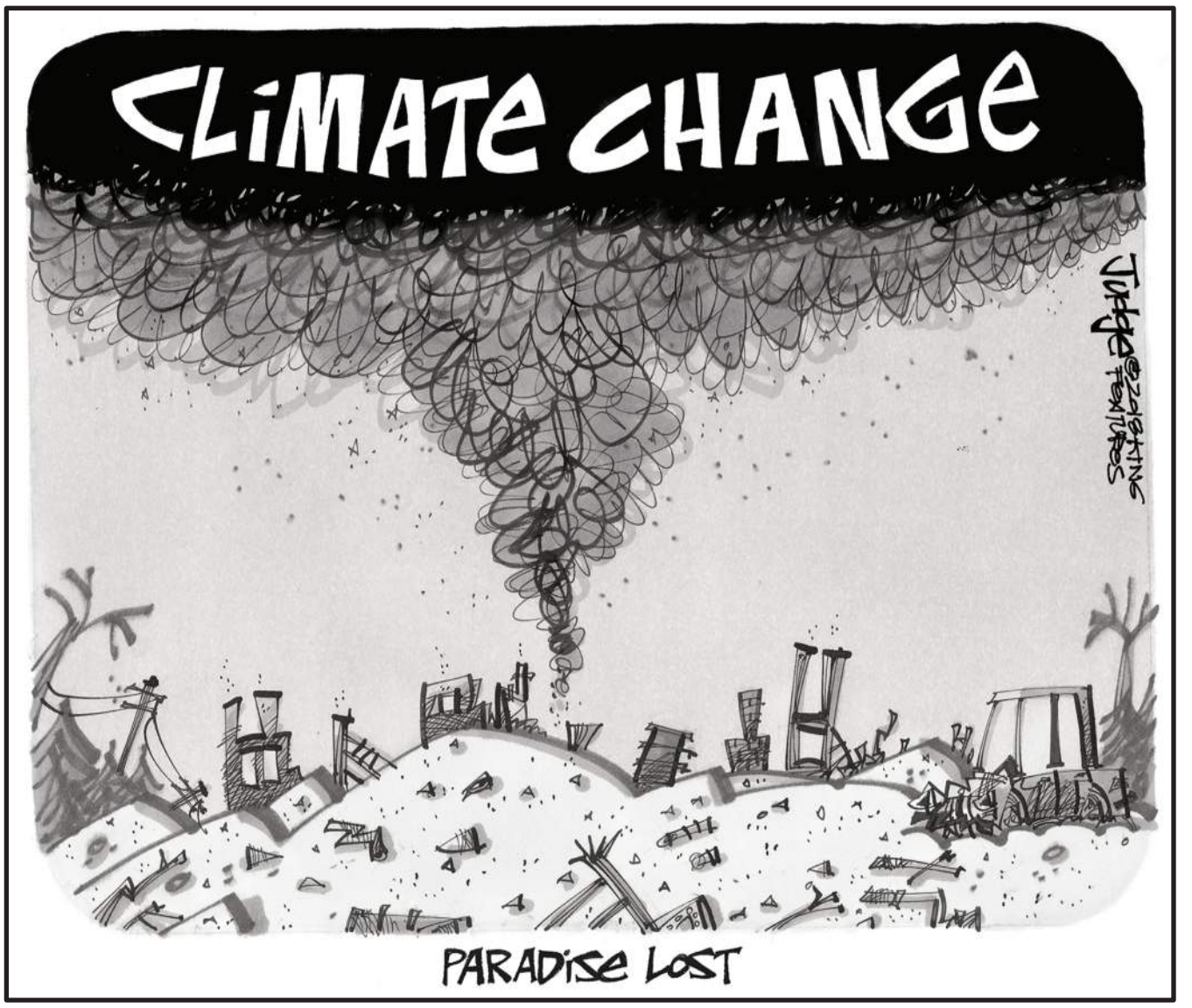

Broad gun-control restrictions are not the answer

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We all know the script by now: A mass public shooting occurs. Grief and anger ensue. Calls for stricter gun laws soon follow.

Given how incredibly upsetting these crimes are, and how deeply they shake their communities—and the nation itself—such calls are perfectly understandable. If we're truly serious, however, about reducing gun violence rates and increasing personal safety, we must ensure that policy decisions are made with an eye toward facts and reality, not panic and outrage.

The facts tell us that most commonly proposed gun-control measures are already ineffective at preventing mass public shootings in states where they are currently implemented, and that they will continue to be ineffective at preventing future tragedies.

Although some gun-control advocates claim there have been more than 300 "mass shootings" this year, that number is a product of using deceptive and largely meaningless definitions that include incidents far removed from the context commonly associated with the term. Since Jan. 1, 2018, there have been 11 mass public shootings in which three or more people other than the shooter were killed, parameters derived from Congress's definitions of "mass shooting" and "mass killing."

These 11 mass public shootings occurred across 7 different states, but three occurred in California, the only state with an "A" rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Two more occurred in Maryland, with an "A-" rating. Another two occurred in Pennsylvania, whose "C" rating still accounts for the 13th strictest gun-control framework in the country.

Strict gun control may be the go-to response of many, but it's simply not the answer to the problem of mass public shootings. In fact, since 2000, 17 percent of mass public shootings have occurred in California, even though the state accounts for only 12 percent of the nation's population.

Texas, meanwhile, has an "F" gun control rating, yet has seen only 6.6 percent of total mass public shootings since 2000—below its expected share, given that it holds 8.6 percent of the national population. On the other hand, Washington state—with a "B" rating—accounts for 2.2 percent of the population but 8 percent of mass public shootings since 2000.

More importantly, the general availability of guns doesn't appear to be the problem. Since 1990, the number of firearms per capita in the United States has increased by 50 percent. At the same time, however, the national homicide rate and national gun-homicide rate have plummeted by 50 percent, and the number of non-fatal firearm crimes committed in 2011 was one-sixth the number committed in 1993. On the whole, the increasing availability of firearms has not been related to increases in violent crime.

Mass public shootings rightly terrify us, but they remain statistically very rare. The same is true of firearm deaths related to the use of semi-automatic "assault weapons." You are, in fact, three times more likely to be beaten to death with hands and feet than you are to be shot to death with a rifle of any kind.

That does not mean we should not continue to find ways to remove firearms from the hands of individuals who show themselves, by their actions, to be a heightened risk of violence to themselves or others. It does mean, however, that rational gun policies should not demonize particular types of firearms rarely used by criminals but commonly used by millions of law-abiding citizens for a variety of lawful reasons—including self-defense.

We do not effectively combat gun violence by broadly restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens, thereby hindering their ability to defend themselves and others from violence. Rather, we must focus more intently on the major underlying causes of the gun violence: untreated mental health problems that increase the risk of suicide and interpersonal violence, gang and drug activity that drive illegal black market firearm transfers, and the lack of economic and educational opportunities that lead to cycles of poverty and crime.

We must also increase the ability of law-abiding citizens to choose where and how and with what means to best defend themselves and their families from criminals who do not care to follow laws generally, and gun control laws in particular.

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Weltanschauung

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's a word for you: "Weltanschauung." If it's anywhere near as difficult to pronounce as it is to type, it is a word I shall never speak. Heck, even the writing part was dicey enough. Anyway, this German word was used by Carl Jung, the Swiss doctor, who defined it as one's "philosophy of life."

Jung (1875-1961) was quite the philosopher himself, and is one of the Western luminaries who was a fan of Eastern wisdom. He was a broad thinker but, despite his intellectual heft, not a stick in the mud. Were he with us today, he'd be fine fit for a Saipan happy hour powwow.

Jung had a rigorous way of analyzing fields that many scientifically-minded people would generally dismiss out of hand. Astrology is one example that comes to mind. I don't know anything about that field, but was intrigued by Jung's open-minded approach to it.

Jung's take was that the truth behind something couldn't be always be explained within the formal confines of scientific conventions.

As for the Western outlook, he wrote, 61 years ago: "Our philosophy is no longer a way of life, as it was in antiquity; it has turned into an exhaustively intellectual and academic affair."

I think we could say that was a good call for its times. But those times were drawing to a close as the high-tech realm was poised to take the baton from the ivory tower.

The next evolution (if we can call it that) in the Weltanschauung of the multitudes might come from the keyboard of a programmer, not from the office of a professor. After all, the cyberworld has become a way of life. It seems ripe for a philosophy to catch up with it by offering a purposeful affirmation that is crafted for the context.

Or maybe I've got things backwards. Maybe the current habit patterns, once etched for a bit longer, will be retrospectively characterized as the philosophy of the times.

Anyway, no matter which direction that stuff takes, a few things have reminded me that, one way or another, it's in the works.

One thing is the pending holiday season. I'm hard-pressed to see a gift on the list that doesn't have a chip in it. I can see the day coming when youngsters think I'm off my rocker when I describe how, when I was a kid, we'd throw around an oblong piece of pigskin that was inflated with air.

The world of footballs, passing, catching, grass stains, sprained ankles, and tackles will be a complete mystery to them. Actually, it already is. Pigs and air seem to be OK, at least for now, but who knows what tomorrow will bring?

Meanwhile, Nov. 12 news reports announced the passing of Douglas Rain, a career stage actor whose voice received cinematic fame in the 1968 movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Rain was the voice of the movie's villain, a computer called the HAL 9000. The computer decides to snuff out its human colleagues on a space mission, and it speaks in an eerily smooth and detached manner.

This contest between man and machine was often referenced, and HAL's speaking mimicked, when people talked about computers for the next 20 years or so. Oddly enough, though, as computers became part of daily life for most people, the HAL-inspired cynicism seemed to fade from general view. By that point, if you wanted to hold a job that didn't involve flipping burgers or chipping paint, you spent all day with a computer. Meet the new boss; not the same as the old boss.

In 1989, a new voice was recorded and associated with computers. This time around it was friendly and chipper. "You've got mail," it said. This came from America Online, a very early internet company that's still in business. The human behind the voice was a gentleman named Elwood Edwards.

There's no need to mention anything that came along since that point. The trajectory hasn't changed at all. And now that I realize how many years this has been rolling, I can see that the new Weltanschauung isn't merely preparing to arrive.

It's already here.

The integration of military service and personal study

By WALTER V. WENDLER
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In 1783, then-New York governor George Clinton proposed that in every state at least one public college should train people for entry into military service. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the Morrill Act that said in part "…the maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life…"

The 19th century British military leader Sir William Francis Butler supported the views of both Clinton and Lincoln. He opined, "The nation that makes a great distinction between its scholars and its warriors will have its thinking done by cowards and its fighting done by fools."

President Faust of Harvard University said when celebrating the return of the Naval ROTC program to Harvard, "…as citizens we have an obligation to understand our military and to ensure that it and its members do not stand apart from our national life."

The recent passing of Veterans Day serves as an annual reminder of the value, benefit, and purpose for the defense of liberty and freedom of thought. The importance of individual rights and the greater value of protecting those for all is the mission of our armed forces.

The G.I. Bill, first implemented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and modified a number of times since, integrated military service with higher education, providing a benefit to those who served in defense of our liberties.

A robust program that couples military service and traditional academic coursework is possible and desirable. At the time of enlistment, a new member of the Armed Forces could also begin coursework at a community college or four-year college that would allow the enlisted personnel to simultaneously study and accumulate credits toward a college degree while engaged in active military duty.

The accumulation of college credits toward a specific degree while on active duty is a powerful opportunity to integrate military service and study. There are a number of challenges for veterans who return from active duty service and enroll in college. Military life is a labyrinth of bureaucratic processes that are impenetrable for the average person, and many educational institutions are among the most bureaucratic organizations in existence. An integrated approach to service and study might diminish transition from one bureaucratic environment into another.

For veterans to be successful after mustering out and entering the higher education environment, a number of the issues must be addressed. Veterans who enter college are often nonwhite, increasingly female, and own a set of experiences that are unlike the average high school freshman who graduates from high school and enrolls at a state U three months later.

In these contrasting cases, universities must extend a thoughtful and deliberate orientation process that is unlike those typically offered for "typical" freshman. Particularly important for veterans is familiarization with campus offices and appreciation for the process of identifying appropriate majors, selecting courses and finding support services both on and off campus that create a seamless transition to campus life.

It may be surprising, but veterans, like transfer students from community colleges, want the powerful aspects of a traditional campus experience. These would include opportunities to be challenged intellectually; fraternization with groups of people that share common interests (and those who don't); and exposure to a worldview that builds or reinforces basic facets of the human condition such as faith life, family views, attitudes about work and belonging to a community. Learning experiences focused solely on cognitive skills, understandings and abilities that are devoid of the social milieu and personal perspectives fall short.

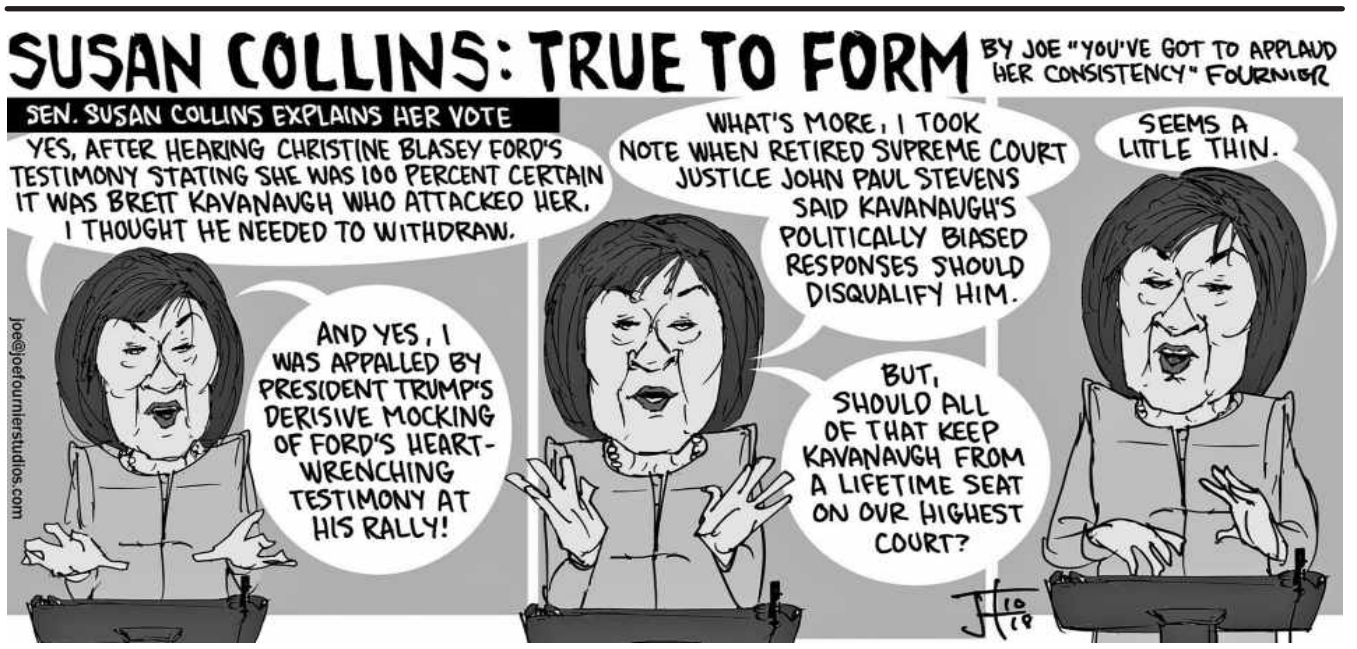
If a simultaneous military service and study experience existed whereby a new enlistee is also a new freshman taking college courses towards achieving a particular degree while performing military duties, the distinctions and anomalies between military life and academic experiences would be diminished. The acclimatization challenges for veterans into university experience would be reduced.

Simultaneous enlistment and enrollment.

Coupled with these thoughts about integrated military/educational experience is the value of experiential learning that has been the tradition for training in the military. According to the Lumina Foundation., the Army has been especially effective at competency-based education that equates some aspects of military service and training with study.

While an integrated study/service paradigm is no panacea, it provides a powerful way to serve students in attainment of their life aspirations while simultaneously serving their nation, not one and then the other, but both together.

Simultaneous national service and personal study—a win-win.


SUSAN COLLINS: TRUE TO FORM
BY JOE "YOU'VE GOT TO APPLAUD HER CONSISTENCY" FOURNIER
SEN. SUSAN COLLINS EXPLAINS HER VOTE
YES, AFTER HEARING CHRISTINE BLASEY FORD'S TESTIMONY STATING SHE WAS 100 PERCENT CERTAIN IT WAS BRETT KAVANAUGH WHO ATTACKED HER, I THOUGHT HE NEEDED TO WITHDRAW.
AND YES, I WAS APPALLED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DERISIVE MOCKING OF FORD'S HEART-WRENCHING TESTIMONY AT HIS RALLY!
WHAT'S MORE, I TOOK NOTE WHEN RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS SAID KAVANAUGH'S POLITICALLY BIASED RESPONSES SHOULD DISQUALIFY HIM.
BUT, SHOULD ALL OF THAT KEEP KAVANAUGH FROM A LIFETIME SEAT ON OUR HIGHEST COURT?
SEEMS A LITTLE THIN.
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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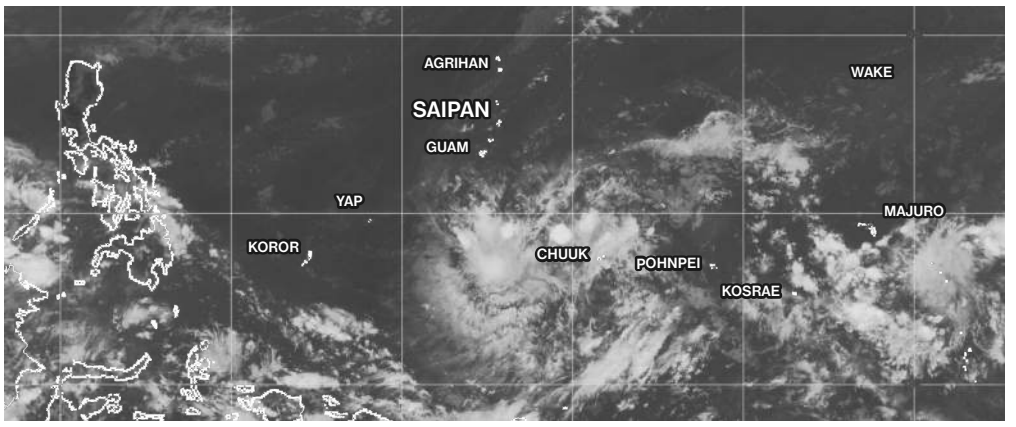

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Only a few small changes made to the forecast. Dry weather and northeast trade-winds are expected today and tonight over the Marianas. The circulation known as Invest 98C could be found north of Chuuk near 9N149E this morning. Scatterometer analysis from Wednesday night also shows a surface trough extending north of 98C to 18N150E. Models move 98C west passing south of Guam Saturday morning. All the models agree on keeping it weak during its passage across the area. As 98C treks west the surface trough will also moves west and over the Marianas Saturday. Low-level confluence ahead and north of 98C and along the trough will cause an increase in clouds with mostly cloudy skies expected the next few days beginning tonight. Earlier forecast had mostly cloudy skies in the forecast for today. Satellite imagery showed only a few clouds near the local area so trimmed the mostly cloudy from today. As 98C is expected to remain weak models only show patchy showers associated with it and so only expect isolated showers through Saturday. Another circulation will follow on the heels of 98C passing south of Guam Wednesday. Low-level confluence ahead of this circulation will keep skies mostly cloudy through at least next Tuesday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 75°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	50° / 25°
Hong Kong	Showers	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	57° / 43°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 53°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 75°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	66° / 46°
Miami	Sunny	74° / 64°
New York	Rain	46° / 37°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	55° / 37°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	61° / 46°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	64° / 43°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	57° / 37°
San Francisco	Sunny	60° / 45°
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	54° / 32°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	61° / 52°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	49° / 35°

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET
12:12 AM	HIGH TIDE 1.33
07:40 AM	LOW TIDE 0.29
3:09 PM	HIGH TIDE 1.76
9:33 PM	LOW TIDE 1.02

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Tuesday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:03 AM	1:01 PM
Saturday	-	12:52 AM	1:41 PM
Sunday	-	1:40 AM	2:20 PM
Monday	-	2:29 AM	2:59 PM
Tuesday	-	3:19 AM	3:38 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Church donates $10,000 to Red Cross

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has donated $10,000 to support the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter's Super Typhoon Yutu relief efforts.

The $10,000 gift will be used to support families impacted by the catastrophic damage caused by Yutu.

The Red Cross is distributing emergency supplies such as water, tarp, coils, cleanup kits, mosquito coils and insect repellant, coolers, totes, buckets, blankets, hygiene supplies, cleaning kits, camp stoves, solar lanterns, coloring books for kids and many other important items.

Additionally, the Red Cross is providing financial assistance to those with major damage to their homes at various service centers. Check the Red Cross FB page for specific details.

Individuals interested in volunteering or making a donation to the Red Cross should stop by the office on Airport Road. ***(PR)***

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A representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints presents a $10,000 check to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter officials and volunteers at the NMI Chapter's office on Airport Road.

Mount Carmel School reopens after Yutu

After weeks of cleanup, repair, and recovery efforts, Mount Carmel School finally resumed classes on Nov. 13.

Mount Carmel Cathedral Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez presided over a Mass that kicked off the school's resumption of classes.

In his homily, Jimenez reminded students about the values of stewardship, giving thanks, and having faith in God and each other.

After the Mass, the MCS Student Council launched its Big Brother, Big Sister Program, designed to have high school and junior high students interacting with the elementary students on fun activities.

Although many parts of the school were destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu, students, friends, family, faculty, and staff came together in the belief that the school will rise stronger.

"Despite the typhoon, kids were smiling ear to ear, enjoying some activities that were prepared by Student Council," said Student Council president, Dayna Macaranas. "They were able to bond with the older Mount Carmel School students and develop a friendship. It was truly heartwarming."

She described the resumption of classes thus: "The first day back in school was full of excitement and anxiousness for what's to come from both students and teachers. It was a great feeling to be back in school and find some normalcy in everything."

To give students and their families time to recover, the CNMI Board of Education, the CNMI Public School System, and the PSS Childhood Nutrition Program extended emergency free meals to all students in Saipan and Tinian until Nov. 30. . ***(PR)***

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What is a digital influencer?

Digital influencers are social network users with many followers and who have the ability to create an effect and change opinions and behaviors. For the Marianas Visitors Authority, they are also a surefire way to reach potential travelers and make them yearn for a picture-perfect vacation in the Marianas.

Since 2016, the MVA has conducted a series of familiarization tours—usually referred to in the tourism business as FAM tours—for digital influencers from South Korea, generating social media buzz about Saipan, Tinian, and Rota across Instagram, Facebook, Naver.com, and other social media platforms.

Most recently, the MVA organized the Marianas October FAM tour with eight active and powerful Korean influencers and journalists specializing in travel, including bloggers, Instagrammers, and YouTubers.

"Over 95 percent of South Koreans use the internet, making them one of the top internet- connected countries in the world," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Digital influencers have a strong reach in the country, which is why the MVA has brought a wide variety of them to Rota, Tinian, and Saipan over the last few months to share images and videos with their followers and give them a taste of life in the Marianas. This latest group stayed one night on Saipan and three nights on Rota, giving them plenty of time shooting unique photos and videos at major tourist locations."

The group was in the Marianas on Oct. 2-7, 2018. Throughout their visit, the influencers uploaded quality photographs of Rota and Saipan on their personal social media channels. Each of their posts attracted more than 1,000 likes and were also shared on the MVA's official Korea Instagram channel.

"One of the objectives the FAM tour was to introduce and capture through quality videos and images of Rota's celebrated Bisita Luta Festival and San Francisco de Borja fiesta, as well as the 2nd Annual Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival," said Concepcion. "More photographs and videos will be uploaded in forthcoming weeks, and their posts are expected to generate significant engagement and interest among online consumers."

On Rota the group also visited As Matmos, I Chen'chon Bird Sanctuary, Poña Point, the award-winning Teteto Beach, Swimming Hole, Senbon-Yashi, and Songsong Village. Activities included snorkeling and boat cruising in Rota's blue waters and watching a sunset at Song Song Lookout. During the stay, they experienced two days of the Bisita Luta Festival at the Chamorro Village Park, where they took photos and videos of dances, the Bud Light Fishing Derby, live music performances, and island cuisine.

On Saipan the group enjoyed a complimentary stay at Hyatt Regency Saipan, where they also enjoyed a Surf & Turf lunchbox at Kili Café & Terrace, poolside fried chicken set at Splash Pool Bar, and brunch at Giovanni's.

At the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival, the group shot photos and made videos with drones while enjoying the BBQ and drinks, concert, Chun Ji BBQ Short Ribs Cook-off, Beer-lympics, and more.

Images and videos of the Marianas and the two festivals were posted on the MVA's official Korea Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Naver Blog channels. ***(MVA)***

A Korea digital influencer shows off some of the catch in the Bud Light Fishing Derby on the island of Rota on Oct. 5, 2018. MVA

Korea digital influencer Yongil Kim shows off a big catch in the Bud Light Fishing Derby on Rota on Oct. 5, 2018. MVA

Digital influencers and a journalist from Korea visit the island of Rota on Oct. 3, 2018, on a familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority. MVA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LUCKING HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-003

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the Lucking Hotel project.

The USA Fanter Corp., Ltd. is proposing to construct a four-story hotel building with 39 rooms and 28 parking stalls including 1 ADA parking on Adetfa Street in Garapan, Saipan. The first floor will consists of 28 automated parking with 1 ADA, a small office, service elevator, water catchment, and a backup generator. The second, third, and fourth floor will include thirteen (13) guest rooms on each floor.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 5th, 2018, 5PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor**.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Lucking Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NEW CENTURY HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-001

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the New Century Hotel project.

The New Century Hotel, LLC is proposing to renovate and convert an existing three-story office building to a forty-eight (48) room hotel operation. The hotel will include 36 parking spaces – 2 ADA compliance parking stalls, 27 guests parking, and 7 for hotel operational use. The building is connected to the CUC power, water and sewer line. The project site is located in Tanapag Village, south of Tanapag Elementary School, east of the Youth Center, and west of Chalan Pale Arnold Road. The size of the property is approximately 1,800 square meters, more or less.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Monday, December 3rd, 2018, 5PM at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the New Century Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro
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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on ***Monday, November 19, 2018 at 4pm*** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CHCC Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (09/06/18)
will be issued when power is restored
V. Public Comments
VI. Chairperson's Report
- Settlement Agreement Regarding Social Worker Applicant
- Emergency license for Health Care Providers

VII. Director's Report
- Proposed Hearing for Dr. Willis & Theodore Parker postpone (for information only)

VIII. Investigator's Report
IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
A. Governor's Office
B. Legislature
X. Old Business
XI. New Business
XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
A. New Applications
B. Renewal Applications
XIII. Miscellaneous Business
XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
XV. Announcements
A. Next Meeting Date
B. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Theodore R. Parker, R.Ph., MPH
Chairman

Business

Bank of Hawaii launches debit card fraud alerts

HONOLULU, Hawaii—It seems that being a victim of fraud is commonplace in today's digitally driven world. Scammers attempt to interfere with financial accounts and transactions wherever you are—on the phone, online or at home. According to Javelin Strategy & Research's 2018 Identity Fraud Study, a record 16.7 million U.S. consumers became victims of fraud in 2017—a 1 million increase compared to 2016.

The sooner consumers are aware of potential fraudulent activity, the quicker they may help reduce and stop further financial loss. To help minimize fraud, Bank of Hawaii has launched debit card fraud alerts. The bank reviews accounts for fraudulent activity, and protects consumer and business cardholders by immediately alerting them of suspicious activity on their debit cards through email. If no response is received, Bank of Hawaii will also attempt to contact consumers in Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa through interactive voice. (Phone alerts are currently not available for Palau or international phone numbers.) Debit card consumers are automatically enrolled in this service, and can recognize a BOH Fraud Alert when it is sent from "869-75" via text, FraudServiceCenter@boh.com via email and 1-800-369-4887 via phone call.

Bank of Hawaii will only ask consumers to verify whether or not a purchase has been made. The bank will never request account or personal information through fraud alerts. Consumers who are proactive and exercise good online security habits can minimize their risk and impact of identity fraud. Here are some tips:

Make sure your contact information is up to date. Visit a branch, call our 24-Hour Customer Service Center (at 1-888-643-3888) or log in to e-Bankoh to check and update your personal information, including cell phone numbers and email addresses regularly.

Protect your information. Scammers have gotten very sophisticated. They now spoof company phone numbers, which appear on Caller ID as a legitimate business. While BOH may contact you about fraudulent activity, the bank would never ask you for personal identification information, such as PINs, passwords or SSNs. Any such request in order to block your card or to remove fraudulent charges should be viewed as highly suspicious and you should hang up. You may confirm the validity of suspicious requests by contacting the company supposedly contacting you by using phone numbers or email addresses that are known to be legitimate.

Use online and mobile banking. Customers can monitor their accounts on a daily basis without having to wait for a monthly paper statement.

For more information, visit https://www.boh.com/fraudalerts. ***(BOH)***

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To help minimize fraud, Bank of Hawaii has launched debit card fraud alerts. The bank reviews accounts for fraudulent activity, and protects consumer and business cardholders by immediately alerting them of suspicious activity on their debit cards through email.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **FERMINA A. SABLAN,** Defendant.

Civil Action No. 13-0036

[AMENDED] NOTICE OF AUCTION AND JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on May 15, 2014, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust from Defendant Fermina A. Sablan, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **January 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 681-R-05 (formerly part of Lot 618-R-01, which was also known as Tract 21806, AH 127), Chugai, Rota, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 681 R 01, the original of which was recorded 09 JUN 1987 as Document No. 87-1957, at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Public Sale. The auction shall be open to the general public.
2. With Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the action sale:
   a. to withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b. to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. to reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: (670) 234-7859; Fax: (670) 234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
5. Deposit and Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 7th day of November, 2018.

/s/
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION BY

DAVID M. APATANG

TO THE PEOPLE OF SAIPAN FOR RE-ELECTING ME FOR ANOTHER TERM AS MAYOR OF SAIPAN

I, along with my hardworking Committee to Re-elect and my family, want to take this opportunity to express our biggest and deepest appreciation for your generous support and vote of confidence by re-electing me to serve as your mayor for another term of four years. Your overwhelming majority vote is my clear mandate to do my very best to continue serving you, to make sure your neighborhood is safe, clean, and healthy to raise your family, live, relax, work, and conduct business. I will always keep in sight opportunities to promote your chances for prosperity, transforming our neighborhoods from what it is today to smart neighborhoods, and most importantly, making our neighborhoods affordable and safe from destructive typhoons.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow, and Thank You for your overwhelming support and for giving me the opportunity to continue serving you as your mayor.

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Nation

Guard troops search for more wildfire victims; 56 dead

PARADISE, Calif. (AP)—With at least 130 people still missing, National Guard troops searched Wednesday through charred debris for more victims of California's deadliest wildfire as top federal and state officials toured the ruins of a community completely destroyed by the flames.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke joined Gov. Jerry Brown on a visit to the leveled town of Paradise, telling reporters it was the worst fire devastation he had ever seen.

"Now is not the time to point fingers," Zinke said. "There are lots of reasons these catastrophic fires are happening." He cited warmer temperatures, dead trees and the poor forest management.

Brown, a frequent critic of President Donald Trump's policies, said he spoke with Trump, who pledged federal assistance.

"This is so devastating that I don't really have the words to describe it," Brown said, saying officials would need to learn how to better prevent fires from becoming so deadly.

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Wildfire experts say the Northern California wildfire that has killed at least 56 is the deadliest in a century.

California officials say the fire burning in a rural area far north of San Francisco killed more people than any blaze in the state's recorded history.

But the U.S. government doesn't closely track civilian casualties and records from long ago are incomplete.

Stephen Pyne, a regent professor at Arizona State University's School of Life Sciences and author of "Between Two Fires: A Fire History of Contemporary America," and Crystal Kolden, a professor at the University of Idaho and expert in fire science, said 1918 was the last time more people were killed in a wildfire.

"For the modern era, this is definitely going to go down as the deadliest on record for the U.S.," said Kolden, who has studied wildfires for 20 years since she worked as a wildland firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service.

A century ago, the Cloquet Fire broke out in drought-stricken northern Minnesota and raced through a number of rural communities, destroying thousands of homes and killing an estimated 1,000 people. The fire helped prompt the federal government to start developing firefighting practices and policies.

Bitter Florida recount: Lawsuits pile up, machines overheat

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—With time running out in Florida's high-stakes election recount, lawsuits piled up Wednesday amid a maelstrom of courtroom arguments, outdated ballot-scanning machines overheated and President Donald Trump leveled his latest unfounded allegation, that people had been voting in disguise.

Many counties have wrapped up their machine recount ahead of a Thursday deadline to complete reviews of the U.S. Senate and governor races, but larger Democratic strongholds were still racing to meet the deadline.

No less than six federal lawsuits have been filed so far in Tallahassee. In a key court battle, a federal judge said he was unlikely to order election officials to automatically count thousands of mail-in ballots that were rejected because the signatures on the ballots did not match signatures on file. U.S. District Judge Mark Walker, however, did say he was open to giving voters extra time to fix their ballots.

State officials said the matching requirement had led to the voiding of nearly 4,000 ballots, although that figure did not include larger counties such as Miami-Dade.

Walker rebuffed arguments from lawyers representing the state that allowing people until Saturday evening to fix their ballots would disrupt the recount process and the deadlines to report results. The deadline for hand recounts is Sunday.

Despite an ongoing recount in Florida for the extremely tight Senate race between Gov. Rick Scott and Sen. Bill Nelson, Scott appeared at a photo opp Wednesday on Capitol Hill for newly-elected Republican Senators. (Nov. 14)

"I don't understand why it's going to completely bring Florida to its knees," Walker said.

He said that, divided among 67 counties, the number of ballots would be only a handful per county, and they'd be considered while the elections supervisors are still counting overseas ballots.

"What are the possibilities that all 5,000 are going to show up?" Walker said if people are given an opportunity to correct their signatures. "I can tell you the odds: Zero."

ACROSS THE NATION

Remains of mayor killed in Afghanistan returned to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Hundreds of soldiers saluted the flag-covered casket of a Utah mayor who was killed while serving in the National Guard in Afghanistan and whose remains were returned to his home state Wednesday. A couple hundred motorcycle riders carrying American flags waited in salute outside the gates of the National Guard base in Salt Lake City until the hearse emerged. They revved up their engines and followed the hearse north to Brent Taylor's hometown of North Ogden in a procession. Taylor, 39, had taken a yearlong leave of absence as mayor for his deployment to Afghanistan, where he was training commandos as part of an effort to train and build the capacity of the Afghan national army. He was killed in a Nov. 3 attack from small arms fire by an Afghan commando he was training, military officials said. Taylor, a military intelligence officer with Joint Force Headquarters, served two tours in Iraq and was on his second tour in Afghanistan.

Study: Weak reporting on missing, murdered Native women

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Numerous police departments nationwide are not adequately identifying or reporting cases of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls as concerns mount over the level of violence they often face, according to a study released by a Native American nonprofit Wednesday. The report from the Seattle-based Urban Indian Health Institute, the research arm of the Seattle Indian Health Board, was conducted over the past year amid worry in tribal communities and cities that Native American and Alaska Native women are vanishing in high numbers, despite limited government data to identify the full scope of the problem. U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, a Republican from Alaska, joined other lawmakers and representatives of the Urban Indian Health Institute to review the report's findings at a news conference in Washington. Its release comes as multiple bills at the state and federal level have been proposed to address the issue and improve data collection, including Savanna's Act, which the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs voted Wednesday to send to the full chamber for consideration.

NYC man pleads guilty to trying to aid Islamic State group

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York City man has admitted to trying to aid the Islamic State group by helping a co-conspirator travel abroad to fight for the militant group in the fall of 2015. Federal prosecutors say Saddam Mohamed Raishani pleaded guilty Wednesday to attempting to provide material support or resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. The 32-year-old faces up to 20 years in prison. Raishani was arrested last year as he tried to board a plane at Kennedy Airport to go to Syria. Authorities say Raishani wanted to join the militant group after helping another man get there. Authorities say Raishani's plans were foiled because he unwittingly contacted a person who was a confidential source working at the direction of law enforcement. He's to be sentenced March 8.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
November 16, 2018

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS ACTING CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   1. Roll Call
   2. Election of Officers
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes— September 17, 2018
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. PERSONNEL MATTERS
IV. OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECTS ABOVE
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ FRANK LEE SN. BORJA
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PUBLIC NOTICE
(as amended)
November 9, 2018

Due to the devastating effects of Super Typhoon Yutu, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was declared a major disaster by both CNMI Governor, Ralph Torres and the President of the United States, Donald Trump. In view of this declaration and in hopes to provide relief to CDA clients and debtors, the CDA Board of Directors, on October 30, 2018, approved loan payment deferment of four (4) months, from November 2018 to February 2019. No interest will accrue for the entire one-hundred twenty (120) day period. If borrowers and debtors choose to make payments during the loan deferment period, all payments will be applied to the principal loan balance. Additionally, for loans that are delinquent for more than thirty (30) days, this offer on loan payment deferment will not cure the delinquent amounts owed.

For questions, please contact us by phone, thru email, or visit our offices; contact information follows:

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CDA encourages all its borrowers and debtors to avail of this offer. The Board of Directors, management and staff are hopeful that this offer will assist its borrowers and debtors recuperate during this difficult time.

/s/ Donnie P. Militante
Acting Executive Director

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PAYMENT RELIEF TO CDA TENANTS

On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors approved to grant payment relief to all the CDA Tenants; Saipan, Rota & Tinian, who are on the Lease-to-Own with Option to Purchase arrangement and also those who are leasing units at the CDA Building, Oleai, Saipan. Payment relief is for three (3) months for Saipan & Tinian beginning November 2018 up to January 2019. For Rota, one (1) month additional payment relief is granted. The previous relief for Rota due to Typhoon Mangkhut ends December 2018; therefore, payment relief is extended to January 2019.

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Acting Executive Director

Asia

Mattis: War-trophy bells' return to help US, PH ties

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Three war-trophy bells seized by U.S. troops over a century ago got a send-off back to the Philippines on Wednesday by U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis, who called the controversial decision to repatriate them an important gesture of friendship between the two countries.

Some veterans and officials in the U.S. oppose returning the Bells of Balangiga, calling them memorials to American war dead. But Filipinos revere the bells as symbols of national pride.

U.S. Army soldiers took the bells after an attack killed 48 American troops in 1901, during the U.S. occupation of the Philippines. Two of the Bells of Balangiga are at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, and the third is with the U.S. Army in South Korea.

Philippine presidents including current President Rodrigo Duterte, have repeatedly called for the bells' return. Now, President Donald Trump's administration has agreed that bolstering the U.S. relationship with a key international ally outweighs concerns at home, even among Republican political allies.

Mattis marked the start of a several-week process to return the bells to a church in the Philippines with a visit to the two bells at F.E. Warren. With him was the Philippine ambassador to the U.S, H.E. Jose Manuel G. Romualdez.

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Philippine ambassador to the U.S., H.E. Jose Manuel G. Romualdez, left, and U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis shake hands at two of the Bells of Balangiga at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018.

"History reminds us that all wars end. In returning the Bells of Balangiga to our ally and our friend, the Philippines, we pick up our generation's responsibility to deepen the respect between our peoples," Mattis said in a ceremony at the base.

Soldiers from the Philippines fought alongside U.S. troops in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and in the recent struggle against international terrorism, Mattis pointed out.

"To those who fear that we lose something by returning the bells, please hear me when I say that the bells mark time, but courage is timeless," Mattis said.

Those opposed to returning the bells include Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead, a Republican. Mead took part in the ceremony even as he sides with U.S. veterans who worry that returning the bells could lead to the repatriation of any number of items serving as memorials to American war dead.

"We know you and the president have looked at this, and the highest priority of the military of course is national security," Mead told Mattis at the gathering of a couple hundred Air Force officers, personnel and family members. "We absolutely need to build those friendships."

Wyoming's all-Republican congressional delegation also opposes the bells' return, saying in a joint statement released by Sen. Mike Enzi spokesman Max D'Onofrio that repatriation would set a dangerous precedent for other veterans' memorials in the U.S.

Pence says Myanmar's handling of Rohingya 'without excuse'

SINGAPORE (AP)—Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi rebuffed criticism from U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and other leaders Wednesday over her government's treatment of its ethnic Rohingya Muslims.

In a meeting on the sidelines of a regional summit in Singapore, Pence told Suu Kyi that he was anxious to hear about progress in resolving the crisis, which stems from a violent military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine state that the United Nations has called ethnic cleansing.

"The violence and persecution by military and vigilantes that resulted in driving 700,000 Rohingya to Bangladesh is without excuse," Pence said.

He added that he was eager to hear about how Myanmar will enable the Rohingya to voluntarily return home. Pence also said Myanmar's arrest and conviction of two Reuters journalists was "deeply troubling" to millions of Americans.

"I look forward to speaking with you about the premium that we place on a free and independent press," said Pence, who is representing an administration with an unusually adversarial relationship with the news media.

Pence and Suu Kyi met during the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Singapore. Pence is attending that and the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Papua New Guinea later this week in President Donald Trump's stead.

Vice President Mike Pence told Myanmar's leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Wednesday that the violence the Rohingya people have experienced is "without excuse." Suu Kyi said Myanmar's leaders are in a better position to explain the situation. (Nov. 14)

A day earlier Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed made an unusually harsh public criticism of Suu Kyi, saying that as a former political prisoner she should better understand suffering. He said the treatment of the Rohingya was "indefensible."

On Wednesday, Mahathir toned down his comments, saying that ASEAN leaders try to avoid criticizing each other. He said the issue of Rohingya had come up during a working dinner among the leaders but the main sentiment was a desire to resolve the problem.

World

Lebanese civil war rivals end decades of hostility

BEIRUT (AP)—Two rival Lebanese Christian leaders reconciled Wednesday ending four decades of enmity triggered by a massacre of dozens during Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war.

Samir Geagea, leader of the Lebanese Forces group, and Sleiman Frangieh of the Marada Party shook hands and kissed each other on the cheeks at the headquarters of the Maronite Christian church north of Beirut. The reconciliation was sponsored by Cardinal Bechara al-Rai, head of the Maronite church, Lebanon's largest.

Geagea and Frangieh met in the past, but Wednesday marked the end of a bitter rivalry tainted with blood.

"It is so nice for brothers to sit together. I welcome you through prayers as happiness fills my heart and the heart of all Lebanese," al-Rai said in a speech after the two leaders met in front of journalists.

The two leaders are Maronite Christian and are both presidential hopefuls. Their reconciliation comes at a time when both their relations have become tense with foreign minister, Gibran Bassil, another presidential hopeful who heads the Free Patriotic Movement founded by President Michel Aoun. According to Lebanon's power-sharing system, Lebanon's president must be a Christian Maronite.

Frangieh is a close friend of Syrian President Bashar Assad and is allied with the militant Hezbollah group while Geagea is with the Western and Saudi-backed coalition and is a harsh critic of both Assad and Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

In 1978, members of the main Christian militia killed Frangieh's father, Tony, as well as his mother and sister and 30 Marada fighters and supporters.

Geagea led the raid in the mountain resort of Ehden but was seriously wounded and withdrew from the operation.

Last week, Frangieh met with the families of those killed four decades ago and asked if he can go ahead with the reconciliation and received their support.

At the end of the meeting, Geagea told reporters: "Today is a beautiful day. What better thing do we need. It is a white day, a historic day."

Frangieh had a brief comment saying: "This is a new page that we open today."

Migrant caravan groups arrive by hundreds at US border

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—Migrants in a caravan of Central Americans arrived in Tijuana by the hundreds Wednesday, getting their first glimpse of the robust U.S. military presence that awaits them after President Donald Trump ordered thousands of troops to the border.

Several hundred people from the caravan got off buses and made their way to a shelter on the Mexican side near the border to line up for food. Doctors checked those fighting colds and other ailments while several dozen migrants, mostly single men, spent the night at a Tijuana beach that is cut by a towering border wall of metal bars. Several Border Patrol agents in San Diego watched them through the barrier separating the U.S. and Mexico.

The first wave of migrants in the caravan, which became a central theme of the recent U.S. election, began arriving in Tijuana in recent days, and their numbers have grown each day. The bulk of the main caravan appeared to be about 1,100 miles (1,800 kilometers) from the border, but has recently been moving hundreds of miles a day by hitching rides on trucks and buses.

Many of the new arrivals were waiting in Tijuana for the caravan leaders to arrive and provide guidance on their immigration options to the U.S., including seeking asylum. Some said they might cross illegally.

Mexican authorities said 398 Central American migrants travelling in caravan, arrived in the border city of Tijuana on Wednesday. (Nov. 14)

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, meanwhile, visited U.S. troops posted at the border in Texas and said the deployment provides good training for war, despite criticism that the effort is a waste of taxpayer money and a political stunt. Most of the troops are in Texas, more than 1,500 miles from where the caravan is arriving.

The first arrivals generally received a warm welcome from Tijuana, despite the fact that its shelter system to house migrants is at capacity. The city's secretary of economic development has said there are about 3,000 jobs for migrants who want to stay in the city. Some residents came down to where the men were camped on a beach and gave them tacos to eat Wednesday.

The Central Americans in the caravan are the latest migrants to arrive in Tijuana with the hope of crossing into the United States. Tijuana shelters in 2016 housed Haitians who came by the thousands after making their way from Brazil with plans to get to the U.S. Since then, several thousand Haitians have remained in Tijuana, finding work. Some have married local residents and enrolled in local universities.

"Mexico has been excellent; we have no complaint about Mexico. The United States remains to be seen," said Josue Vargas, a migrant from Honduras who finally pulled into Tijuana on Wednesday after more than a month on the road.

Ilse Marilu, 24, arrived in Tijuana late Tuesday with her 3-year-old daughter, having joined the caravan with a large contingent from San Pedro Sula, Honduras. She walked several miles Tuesday in a fruitless search for space in a migrant shelter before reaching the beach plaza. A Mexican couple dropped off a tent that her daughter and three other children used to sleep in as an evening chill set in.

She planned to stay in Tijuana until caravan leaders arrived and offered help on how to seek asylum in the US.

"We are going to enter through the front door," Marilu said, insisting she would never try to enter the country illegally.

A few people pitched tents at the Tijuana beach plaza while most, like Henry Salinas, 30, of Honduras, planned to sleep there in the open.

He said that he intended to wait for thousands more in the caravan to arrive and that he hoped to jump the fence in a large group at the same time, overwhelming Border Patrol agents.

Science & Technology

Farm animals may soon get new features through gene editing

OAKFIELD, N.Y. (AP)— Cows that can withstand hotter temperatures. Cows born without pesky horns. Pigs that never reach puberty.

A company wants to alter farm animals by adding and subtracting genetic traits in a lab. It sounds like science fiction, but Recombinetics sees opportunity for its technology in the livestock industry.

But first, it needs to convince regulators that gene-edited animals are no different than conventionally bred ones. To make the technology appealing and to ease any fears that it may be creating Franken-animals, Recombinetics isn't starting with productivity. Instead, it's introducing gene-edited traits as a way to ease animal suffering.

"It's a better story to tell," said Tammy Lee, CEO of the St. Paul, Minnesota-based company.

For instance, animal welfare advocates have long criticized the way farmers use caustic paste or hot irons to dehorn dairy cows so the animals don't harm each other. Recombinetics snips out the gene for growing horns so the procedure is unnecessary.

Last year, a bull gene-edited by Recombinetics to have the dominant hornless trait sired several offspring. All were born hornless as expected, and are being raised at the University of California, Davis. Once the female offspring starts lactating, its milk will be tested for any abnormalities.

Another Recombinetics project: castration-free pigs.

When male piglets go through puberty, their meat can take on an unpleasant odor, something known as "boar taint." To combat it, farmers castrate pigs, a procedure animal welfare advocates say is commonly performed without pain-killers. Editing genes so that pigs never go through puberty would make castration unnecessary.

In this July 11, 2018 photo, animal geneticist Alison Van Eenennaam of the University of California, Davis, points to a group of dairy calves that won't have to be de-horned thanks to gene editing. The calves are descended from a bull genetically altered to be hornless, and the company behind the work, Recombinetics, says gene-edited traits could ease animal suffering and improve productivity. AP

Also in development are dairy cows that could withstand higher temperatures, so the animals don't suffer in hotter climates.

Recombinetics and others say gene-editing techniques do what traditional breeding has always done, except much faster and with the precision of "molecular scissors." They are waiting for clarity from government officials , but say meat and milk from gene-edited animals shouldn't be subject to special regulations.

Most U.S. dairy cows already are bred through artificial insemination from "semen straws," which are priced for a bull's pedigree and traits developed through years of traditional breeding. Gene-edited traits would just be higher-priced extras, Recombinetics says. For example, the hornless trait could add $3 to $5 to the price of a semen straw that could cost around $15.

Once gene-editing is accepted by the public, farmers will be more interested in traits that step up productivity, Lee predicted. As an example, she cited pigs edited to have bigger litters.

Dear Marianas,

On behalf of Diann, Wella, and our entire family, thank you for your vote of confidence and trust. We are humbled by the results and blessed to represent our CNMI for the next four years.

We also want to send our appreciation to our residents off-island and our families and friends serving in the armed forces. Thank you for your service and passion for your home. We will continue to make sure that your islands are in a better place when you are ready to come back home.

To all of our people who have given us their blessing and to those who campaigned against us, remember always that we are one Marianas, and we will make sure that we continue our progress together so that you and your families can live prosperously.

We will continue to grow and stabilize our economy, so that every resident has a good-paying job to help their families.

We will continue to invest into our education and workforce development, so that we can alleviate poverty through the success of our students.

We will continue to better our healthcare system, so that our hospital can take care of our patients here on island and that our doctors and nurses can continue to do good work.

We will continue to ensure that our villages are safer and free from drugs by developing and training more law enforcement officers to patrol our streets and protect our children.

We will continue to lead our recovery efforts so that every person, regardless of income or citizenship, can feel a sense of normalcy again. Our short-term and long-term recovery efforts will remain our top priority. Please continue to stay patient and resilient, Marianas. Assistance continues to come in from partners near and far.

Together, with your help and God's blessings, we will continue to build on the progress we have made and move the CNMI forward. Let's get to work, Marianas. Un Guinaiya, Un Familia, Tipiyeew.

THANK YOU, SI YU'US MA'ASE, GHILISOU, SALAMAT PO

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Ford, Walmart test self-driving grocery delivery service

Ford and Walmart are teaming up to test a self-driving grocery delivery service.

The pilot program in Florida's Miami-Dade County will incorporate Postmates, a logistics company that operates a network of couriers, to deliver groceries and more. The vehicles will collect data on consumer preferences to help the companies understand what people want. Ford said Wednesday that it'll also look at different vehicle configurations or modifications that may be needed to accommodate orders such as perishable goods, or when a vehicle is making multiple deliveries on a single trip.

Ford will work with Walmart over the next couple months to determine what goods it can feasibly transport and figure out any issues that may need to be addressed to successfully deliver orders via self-driving vehicles. ***(AP)***

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Woman beat McDonald's manager over ketchup

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Police are seeking a woman who pushed, punched and choked a McDonald's manager because she wanted ketchup. Police in Santa Ana, California, say the assault took place around 11 p.m. on Oct. 27 when the drive-thru customer entered the restaurant through an employee door and asked for the condiment. Video released by police shows the woman attack the manager after she was told she could not be in the building. The footage shows other employees trying to help before a man, who police believe was with the suspect, ran into the restaurant and pulled the woman off the manager. The pair left.

Runaway elephant returned to upstate New York sanctuary

WESTTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—An elephant that was burned by napalm during the Vietnam War has been returned to an upstate New York animal sanctuary after taking a late-night stroll. State police say they went to the Sanctuary for Animals in Westtown on Sunday night when they got a call about a wandering elephant. Amanda Brook, whose family owns the sanctuary, tells the Times Herald-Record that the 46-year-old Asian elephant named Fritha has lived at the sanctuary most of her life. She wandered off after a worker forgot to turn on an electric fence that keeps her in her designated space at night. Her owners and troopers found her nearby and escorted her back home. The sanctuary also runs Dawn Animal Agency, which provides animals for movies, commercials and talk shows.

National Grid to use 'noise cannon' to scare away crows

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. (AP)—After all else failed, National Grid is bringing in a cannon to scare away the hundreds of crows that have been hanging around an electrical substation in Massachusetts. Don't worry, no birds will be hurt. The utility says the propane cannon being fired off in North Adams this week doesn't shoot projectiles, just makes a lot of noise that annoys the crows. The utility said Monday it wants to get rid of the birds because there is a potential for a power loss if a crow lands on the wrong piece of equipment, and their droppings are corrosive. National Grid says the cannon will be fired off between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. starting Tuesday and will keep going until Saturday. Police have warned area residents.

'Unusual air activity' over Ireland sparks investigation

LONDON (AP)—Irish aviation officials are investigating reports of bright lights moving quickly in the skies over Ireland. The Irish Aviation Authority said Tuesday it was looking into "reports from a small number of aircraft" about what was called "unusual air activity" on Friday. "The report will be investigated under the normal confidential occurrence investigation process," the authority said in a statement. Press reports indicate the bright lights were seen Friday morning by pilots from British Airways and Virgin Atlantic. The airlines did not immediately respond to request for comments.

Man crashes pickup truck into Mississippi courthouse

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP)—A man has been arrested after he drove his pickup truck into a courthouse in Mississippi. News outlets reported that the Gulfport Police Department said in a news release that 28-year-old Keith Cavalier told officers he intentionally crashed into the Harrison County Courthouse early Saturday because it was the best way to let them know his drug paraphernalia had been stolen. No one was hurt. Cavalier has been charged with driving under the influence and malicious mischief because of damage to the building. The Gulfport man is being held in the county jail. It was not known if he has an attorney yet. County offices were closed Monday for Veterans Day.

Football fan charged with DWI blames team's performance

WAYNE, N.J. (AP)—Authorities say a pro football fan charged with drunken driving after a crash told police he drank too much because his favorite team isn't any good. Wayne police say 57-year-old Christopher Greyshock, of West Milford, was charged after he rear-ended another vehicle about 5:15 p.m. Sunday. The crash came about an hour after his team, the New York Jets, lost 41-10 to the Buffalo Bills. Authorities say Greyshock told responding officers: "I drank too much because the Jets suck." Police say Greyshock had an open bottle of whiskey and suspected marijuana in his car. Besides the DWI count, he was also charged with assault by auto. A telephone number for Greyshock could not be located Wednesday. It wasn't known if he's retained an attorney.

Missing zoo meerkat case solved with 3 charged

SYDNEY (AP)—It wasn't grand theft. It was tiny.

But the snatching of a baby meerkat from a zoo has not only become a major story in the Australian city of Perth, it has led to the arrest of three people.

In September, Perth Zoo was ready to publicly show off its new month-old meerkitten to the public and media, but a day before its planned debut, it was gone.

Worried zoo staff said the male baby, who hadn't yet been named, had apparently got out of its nest box, and feared it may have been snatched by a bird of prey.

But the other possible reason for its disappearance—theft—was also explored.

Police were called to investigate, and two days later they found the missing meerkat—at a house 130 kilometers (80 miles) away, in the town of Beverley.

Police charged two people who had visited the zoo over the furry heist. Jesse Ray Hooker, 23, was charged with stealing, while his friend Aimee Cummins, also 23, with receiving stolen goods.

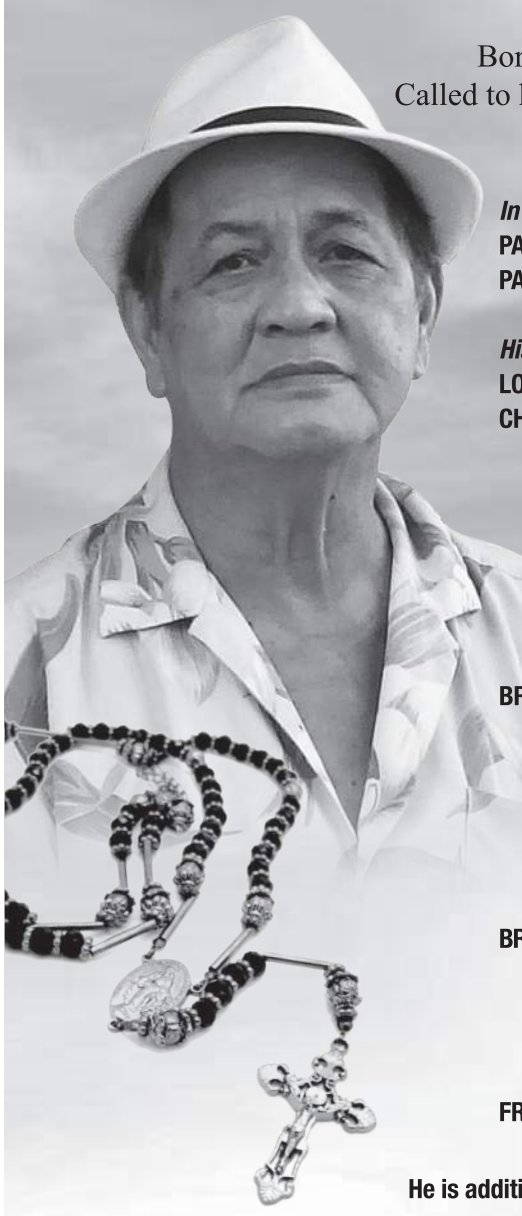
On Wednesday police charged a third person, a 31-year-old woman, also from Beverley, with possessing stolen property.

Hooker appeared in Perth Magistrates Court, also on Wednesday, where defense lawyer Chad Silver said that he "fell in love" with the newborn meerkat as it ran toward him in its enclosure and had scooped it up and put it in his cooler bag.

He had then played loud music on the drive home to Beverley so that Cummins, unaware of the heist at the time, couldn't hear the animal's distressed cries. After a stop at McDonald's, the pair took the meerkitten home, adding it to a menagerie of four dogs and a cat.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

Oscar Cruz Rasa



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Called to his Eternal Life by our Dear Lord
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In his new life, he now joins his:

PARENTS: Ioanes Edwin Rasa & Cristina Roberto Cruz
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His spirit and memories will live forever in the hearts of his:

LOVING WIFE: Patricia Seman Rasa
CHILDREN: Diego & Jennifer Rasa (Alina, Ayana & Diego Jr.)
Vania Rasa (Syanna & Nicolas Rubino-Mariano: Vicente, Rhea & Leah)
Oscar Cruz Rasa, II
Margaret & Lino Aichi (Alanzo, Andrew and Raymond Sanchez)
Francis Quitugua & Family
Shereen Craker & Family
BROTHERS/SISTERS: †Ponciano and Vivian P. Rasa & Family
Ricardo Cruz Rasa & Family
†Alfonso Cruz Rasa and Elsa Rasa & Mana Esther
Ester Rasa Babauta and †Joe Babauta & Family
†Bernadita Rasa Salas and †Juan T. Salas & Family
Dolores Rasa and Haque Ziaul
Teresita Rasa and Jackson Frederick
BROTHERS/SISTERS IN LAW: Vivian Seman Taitano and Mario Taitano & Valerie
Benjamin B. and Dorothy T. Seman & Family
†Richard B. and Lorraine M. Seman & Family
Nicolas and Dolly Muna & Family
Catalino (Nunu) and Lucy Sanchez & Family
FRIEND & CAREGIVER: Avelina (Lynn) Matanao

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews & relatives.

Daily Mass is offered at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Jude Church except on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

On Monday, November 19, 2018, his remains will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. and will be escorted to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and paying of last respects.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. followed by Internment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your Thoughts and Prayers are Greatly Appreciated

Pat, Children & Family

Life & Style

Marie Antoinette pearl reaps record $36M, with fees

GENEVA (AP)—A large, drop-shaped natural pearl pendant sold for more than $36 million Wednesday at a rare auction of jewelry that once belonged to French Queen Marie Antoinette, which Sotheby's is calling a record price for a pearl at auction.

The "Queen Marie Antoinette's Pearl," a diamond-and-pearl pendant, was among the highlight offerings on the block at the Sotheby's sale of jewelry from the Bourbon-Parma dynasty in Geneva.

Sotheby's billed the sale as a once-in-a-lifetime chance to scoop up heirlooms and jewels that have been held in the Bourbon-Parma dynasty for generations. Some of the Marie Antoinette jewelry hadn't been seen in public for 200 years—until now.

AP
In this Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 file photo, the Queen Marie Antoinette Pearl and diamond pendant, from the 18th century, is displayed at Sotheby's, in New York.

Like many of the 10 former Marie Antoinette pieces up for sale, the pendant obliterated the pre-auction estimate—in its case, $1 million to $2 million. It sold for a hammer price of 32 million Swiss francs ($32 million), but with the buyer's premium and fees, the total sale rose to more than $36.1 million.

The buyer wanted to remain anonymous, the auction house said.

All told, the Marie Antoinette pieces reaped nearly $43 million.

The diamond and pearl jewelry of Marie Antoinette that went under the hammer epitomized the aloof, pre-Revolutionary opulence of French royals brought down by the uprising. The wife of King Louis XVI, she was executed in France's revolutionary fervor in 1793.

Before falling to the guillotine, she had secretly smuggled abroad some of her most treasured possessions to her relatives amid rising the revolutionary fervor that ultimately marked the beginning of the end of France's centuries-old monarchy.

"The Marie Antoinette pendant is simply irreplaceable," Eddie LeVian, CEO of jewelers Le Vian, said before the sale. "This is about far more than the gems themselves: Marie Antoinette's jewelry is inextricably linked to the cause of the French Revolution."

The queen's jewelry also included a set of pearl and diamond earrings, a diamond brooch, and a natural pearl and diamond necklace. A monogrammed, diamond-set ring bears a lock of Marie Antoinette's hair.

BTS's agency apologizes over band member's A-bomb shirt

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The agency for K-pop superstars BTS apologized Wednesday for members wearing a T-shirt depicting the explosion of an atomic bomb and a hat with a Nazi emblem.

Japanese TV broadcasters recently canceled or stopped discussions on appearances in that country after images went viral of the musician wearing the shirt. The South Korean boy band ran into more troubles after news broke out that another member wore a hat featuring a Nazi symbol in a magazine photo book and band members flew flags with what appeared to be the Nazi swastika during a concert in the past.

"We would like to again offer our sincerest apologies to anyone who has suffered pain, distress and discomfort due to our shortcomings and oversight in ensuring that these matters receive our most careful attention," the band's agency, the Big Hit Entertainment, said in a statement.

The T-shirt portrayed an atomic bombing juxtaposed with the celebration of Korea's 1945 liberation from Japan at the end of the World War II. The United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki before Tokyo's surrender.

Sigrid Nunez's novel "The Friend" wins National Book Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Sigrid Nunex's "The Friend," a meditative novel about grief, books and, not least, a Great Dane named Apollo, has won the National Book Award for fiction.

Other winners Wednesday included Jeffrey C. Stewart's "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke" for nonfiction and Justin Philip Reed's "Indecency for poetry.

On a night when those honored had roots throughout the world, from Peru to Japan, Elizabeth Acevedo's "The Poet X" won for young people's literature, and Yoko Tawada's "The Emissary," translated by Margaret Mitsutani, won for translation, a category newly revived.

Nunez, author of such previous novels as "Salvation City" and "The Last of Her Kind," noted in her acceptance speech that she didn't seek community when she became a writer, but unexpectedly found it.

"I thought it (writing) was something I could do alone and hidden, in the privacy of my own room," she said. "How lucky to have discovered that writing books made the miraculous possible, to be removed from the world and be part of the world at the same time.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Aerosmith's Perry tweets 'doing well' after hospitalization

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Perry is feeling the love from fans after he was hospitalized with breathing problems that began after a guest performance with Billy Joel in New York. The Aerosmith guitarist on Tuesday tweeted: "Doing well, thanks for the love and support." Perry's publicists said in a statement that the 68-year-old felt short of breath after the Saturday performance at Madison Square Garden. Paramedics backstage gave Perry oxygen and used a tracheal tube to clear his airway before taking him to the hospital. The statement said Perry is expected to return to the road this month. Perry had joined the 69-year-old Joel on stage for a rendition of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."

Serhii Plokhy wins nonfiction book prize for Chernobyl story

LONDON (AP)—A book about the causes and consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster has won Britain's leading nonfiction literary award. Serhii Plokhy was awarded the 30,000-pound ($39,000) Baillie Gifford Prize at a ceremony in London on Wednesday for "Chernobyl: History of a Tragedy." Plokhy, a professor of Ukrainian history at Harvard University, explores the way the Soviet political system, a flawed industry and human error triggered an accident that sent radioactive fallout over half of Europe. He said the lesson he had learned from Chernobyl was that nuclear power "was the cleanest energy as long as nothing happens. Once it happens it is the dirtiest energy in the world." The award recognizes nonfiction English-language books in the areas of current affairs, history, politics, science, sport, travel, biography, autobiography and the arts.

Men's group chat draws fire for sharing explicit photos

DEAR ABBY: I must take issue with your response to "Tired of Behinds" (Sept. 5), who was upset that her fiance is part of a men's group chat that includes the sending and receiving of pornographic female images.

While "boys will be boys" has been the reigning excuse for male misbehavior for years—nay, centuries!—times are changing. "Tired" has every right to demand that her fiance behave respectfully toward women, both publicly and in private. He may not be able to change his friends' behavior, but he has control over his own and could demonstrate that he's not a boy, but a man who respects women for who they are, not their looks or perceived sexual value. Would he want others to look at his sister, his mother, his daughter or her that way? I doubt it.

Excusing "boys" for their misogyny only perpetuates our sexual assault culture. "Tired" should take a long look at her fiance's behavior and decide whether or not he is the kind of man she wants to share her life with.

WANTS A BETTER WORLD FOR MY DAUGHTER

DEAR WANTS: Most, but not all, of the many women—and men—who commented on that letter agree with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your response supported the idea that for men to bond and feel like "real men," they need to advertise to each other their sexual interest in women other than their spouses, and women need to tolerate it. The practice is hurtful and disrespectful. How can a woman feel like her fiance's friends care about her welfare if they're sending naked photos of other women to him? It seems women's feelings don't matter at all in this bonding ritual. Furthermore, the men don't have to touch these other women to have a "sexual experience" with them.

TIRED OF "BOYS" IN TUCSON

DEAR ABBY: I do not agree with you that what these men are doing is the equivalent of "old-time barbershop talk." What's being shared digitally today isn't at all like the magazines and chat from even 20 years ago. It's far more graphic and less woman-friendly.

You are right that "Tired" will not change her fiance. That's why she should leave now and avoid the future heartbreak that could be waiting. There's always a victim when it comes to porn. Just because the sharing is within a closed group doesn't mean some women weren't victimized. Or that some men won't become addicted.

SAD ABOUT THIS IN THE WEST

DEAR ABBY: Speaking as a man who has been part of multiple "men's groups," as well as happily married for many years, I find "Tired's" fiance's chat group to be inappropriate, just as she does -- particularly the group icon picture. I respect women as people, not physical/sexual objects. He should speak up out of respect for women. Doing so could influence one or more of his friends to rethink their position.

WILLIAM IN OREGON

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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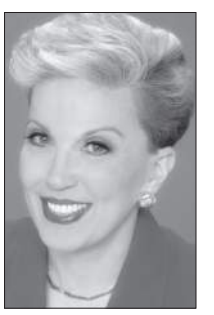

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DEAR ABBY: These are private conversations between adult men. Sexuality makes the world go 'round. Yes, women deserve respect and not to be sexually harassed. But we shouldn't have to totally remove sexuality from the equation. Women chat about men and look at images just like we do. It's just less talked about.

MR. B. IN HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: If these are solicited photos, as the writer suggests, privately sent and then shared in a group, it is illegal in most states. You cannot share nude photos of someone without her/his expressed consent. Perhaps "Tired" should inform her fiance of that!

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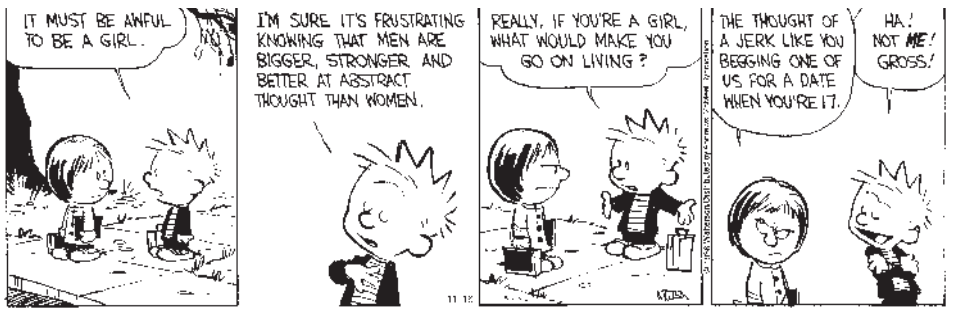
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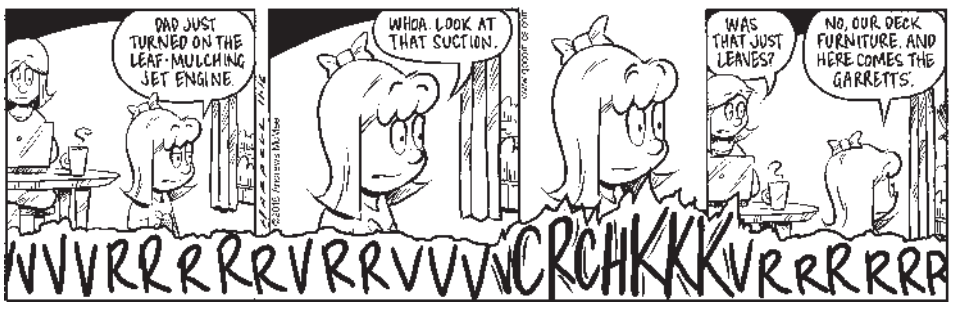
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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WHY NOT?
BECAUSE I'LL BE IN COURTROOM 'C' FOR THE TICKET YOU GAVE ME LAST WEEK!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Stolen
7 Incursion
12 Wish otherwise
13 Clean air org.
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15 "— Poetica"
16 City in Kentucky
18 Cave mammal
19 Gets ready, briefly
20 Sty chow
22 Red — beet
23 Prejudice
27 Switch positions
29 City in Ohio
31 Sky blue
34 Reside
35 City in Massachusetts
37 Feathery wrap
38 Corp. kingpins
39 Tours season
41 "Amen!"
45 Antlered animals
47 Gun lobby org.
48 City in Texas
52 Scribble (down)
53 Sci-fi visitor
54 Half of bi-
55 Sugary suffix
56 Macadamized
57 Convened
58 "Of course"

DOWN
1 Bedouins
2 Wall painting
3 Green sauce
4 Lend a hand
5 Verdi works
6 One of Franklin's certainties
7 Flippers
8 Texter's "Wow!"
9 Squealer
10 Previously
11 Longing
17 Apple tablet
21 Dessert wines
23 Side road
24 Mineral suffix
25 MSN alternative
26 NBC weekend show
28 Opposite of paleo-
30 Big fuss
31 "GMA" network
32 Orange Muppet
33 Mil. morale booster
36 Trawler gear
37 "Shoo!"
40 Ryan's daughter
42 "Have fun!"
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44 Abhors
45 Fax
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48 Opening
49 Pie — mode
50 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
51 Victory sign

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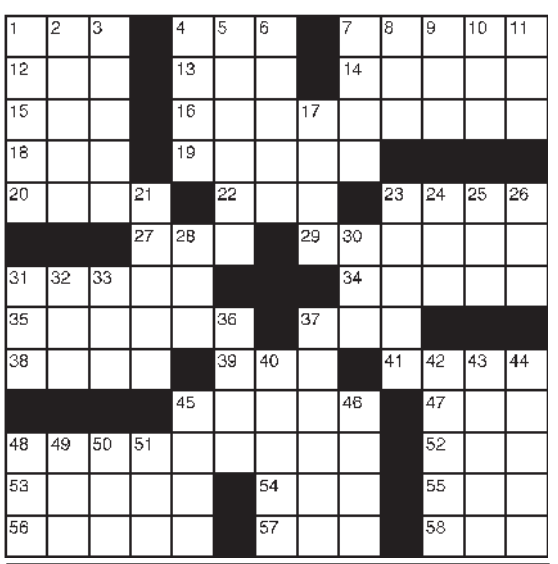

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Don't fear change. Look at the possibilities and put your skills and talents to work. Trust in your instincts and ability to get things done and head in the path of least resistance. Set a goal and sprint. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Consider what will help you get what you want, and concentrate on that achievement. You'll be acknowledged by your peers and praised by higher-ups. Be humble and gracious; much more will come your way. Positive change is heading your way. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Stick to the truth and dig deep to get to the bottom of situations involving other people. Someone you work with may have a hidden agenda. Be careful how much information you share with anyone who may try to compete with you. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Express your thoughts and feelings, and you'll surprise others with your insight and ideas. Take the initiative and do your best to make your dreams come true. An unusual opportunity should be looked at carefully before you proceed. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Talk is cheap. When sharing information, ask questions and take notes. It's important to have something to back you up if someone decides to renege or back out of a verbal agreement. Personal improvements at home and at work are doable. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Get out and explore. New experiences will give you something to think about. A chance to try something unique will make you question your current personal situation. Someone close to you may withhold his or her feelings. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Think matters through. Don't take someone's word for it. Do your fact-checking and make changes based on your findings. A personal change will turn out to be beneficial, so don't fight it. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Stick close to home and nurture the relationships that matter to you. Overreacting won't help, but digging in and doing your part will. The truth will be necessary. Offer peace and love, and avoid arguments and isolation. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trust only in what you know. Someone will use emotional tactics to manipulate a situation. Getting into an argument will only make matters worse. A physical outlet will do you good and help you stay in shape. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Go over what you have accomplished and consider what you've enjoyed doing most. You'll come up with a plan that will help you put your strengths as well as your desires to good use. A positive change can be made. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Go over your personal documentation, contracts and medical records to ensure everything is in order. Be leery of anyone who brags or makes statements that are broad or vague. Take time to enjoy. Update your look and plan something romantic. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't feel you have to say something that you don't mean in order to avoid conflict. It's better to remain silent than to offer a false impression. Do what you can, but don't meddle in other people's affairs. Emotions will be elevated. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are creative, talkative and persuasive. You are engaging and motivated.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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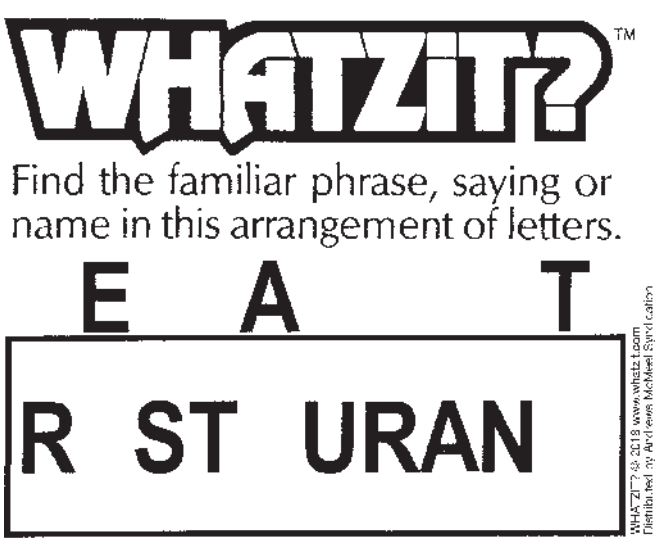
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Mets' deGrom bags Cy Young; Snell takes AL

NEW YORK (AP) — After a season marred by narrow defeats, Jacob deGrom became a runaway winner.

The New York Mets ace easily won the National League Cy Young Award on Wednesday night, a reward for a historically fruitless season in Flushing. The right-hander had just 10 victories, the fewest ever by a Cy Young-winning starter.

The AL prize also reflected a change in voters' values, with Blake Snell of the Tampa Bay Rays narrowly beating out past winners Justin Verlander and Corey Kluber for his first Cy Young. Snell pitched just 180 2/3 innings, fewest ever by a Cy Young-winning starter. Over full seasons, Snell is the second starter to win the award with fewer than 200 innings after Clayton Kershaw logged 198 1/3 in 2014.

"I definitely think the game has changed in that aspect," deGrom said.

"I feel like it's just turning more into quality of work and what did you accomplish in those innings," Snell said. "I think that's just the way it's going."

DeGrom easily beat out Washington's Max Scherzer, who was seeking a third straight Cy Young and fourth overall. DeGrom got 29 first-place votes and 207 points from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Scherzer had the other first-place vote.

In his first season after chopping off his distinctive long hair, deGrom cut down hitters from start to finish despite little help from teammates. He had a 1.70 ERA, the lowest in the NL since Zack Greinke's 1.66 mark in 2015. Yet the 30-year-old right-hander went 10-9, eclipsing the low bar among starters of 13 victories set by the Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela in 1981 and matched by Seattle's Felix Hernandez in 2010.

DeGrom allowed three runs or fewer in 29 consecutive starts to close the season, breaking Leslie "King" Cole's 108-year-old record of 26 such outings. Yet the Mets were 11-18 in those games and 14-18 overall with deGrom on the mound.

"My thought process was, 'Hey, take the ball every fifth day and continue to try to put this team in position to win and control what you can control,'" deGrom said.

Hernandez's Cy Young victory signaled a major shift from voters, who once prioritized pitcher wins. The push toward advanced analytics made deGrom's candidacy possible, and by September there was little debate deGrom was worthy, even as the Mets regularly wasted his dominance.

"This was one of my goals," deGrom said. "The team didn't end up where we wanted to be this past season, but you kind of set personal goals, and I think being able to accomplish something that has been a dream of yours is just something special. To be a Cy Young Award winner, you're in great company, and it truly is an honor."

Perhaps no pitcher had ever been such a hard-luck loser. New York averaged 3.5 runs in games started by deGrom, second only to Cole Hamels for worst support in the majors among qualified pitchers. During one stretch late in the season, the Mets totaled 10 runs over seven of deGrom's outings, and four of those were driven in by the pitcher himself.

DeGrom nearly produced more wins above replacement than actual wins — an unfortunate sabermetric feat that has only been accomplished once, when the Philadelphia Athletics' Eddie Smith went 4-17 with 4.1 WAR in 1937. Baseball-Reference calculated deGrom for 9.6 WAR.

The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year, he became the seventh rookie winner voted a Cy Young, joining fellow Mets Tom Seaver and Dwight Gooden. R.A. Dickey was the only other Met to win a Cy Young.

The Mets unveiled a deGrom bobblehead featuring the Cy Young Award shortly after deGrom was crowned. They will give away 25,000 prior to a home game April 7 against Scherzer's Nationals.

Snell got 17 first-place votes and 169 points to 13 first-place votes and 154 points for Verlander. Kluber had 71 points, followed by Boston's Chris Sale and Houston's Gerrit Cole.

Snell had a 1.89 ERA, third best in the AL since the DH was introduced, trailing only Ron Guidry (1.74) in 1978 and Pedro Martinez (1.74) in 2000. The 25-year-old pitched had 33 1/3 fewer innings than Verlander, but his dominance was enough to sway the electorate.

The lefty nicknamed Snellzilla wreaked havoc against the AL's top lineups. He was 3-0 with a 1.08 ERA in four starts against the World Series champion Red Sox, and 2-0 in two starts each against the Astros and Indians. The Yankees roughed Snell up twice, but he got threw five scoreless innings in a victory Aug. 16. That came during a late-season run of nine consecutive wins for Snell, including a victory against every team in the AL East. He also made five starts against former Cy Young winners and went 3-0 with an 0.59 ERA.

Snell was the first player 25-or-younger to win 21 games since Barry Zito in 2002. He was highly regarded as a minor leaguer for his electric arsenal, but subpar control led to struggles during his first two major league seasons. He was even demoted to Triple-A for a month in 2017.

It all came together this year. Snell was a stalwart for a most unusual pitching staff, taking the ball every fifth day while manager Kevin Cash successfully experimented with reliever "openers" to start games in between. Snell led the Rays with 31 starts, and no other traditional starter had more than 17. After longtime franchise ace Chris Archer was traded to the Pirates on July 31, Snell went 9-0 with a 1.17 ERA.

"I felt with the opener, I had a bigger role on the team," Snell said.

Snell is the second Rays pitcher to win the award, following David Price in 2012.

Scherzer went 18-7 with a 2.53 ERA and led the majors with 220 2/3 innings and 300 strikeouts. He was attempting to become the first player since Randy Johnson to win three consecutive Cy Youngs.

AP

New York Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom delivers the ball to the Atlanta Braves during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, in New York.

Cora gets new deal from Red Sox through 2021 season

BOSTON (AP —Alex Cora brought a new voice and culture to the Boston Red Sox that helped propel them to their latest World Series titl

The Red Sox rewarded him for bringing home a championship in his first year with the team by giving him a new contract with an additional guaranteed year through the 2021 season.

The deal containing the extension was announced Wednesday by Boston also includes a club option for 2022.

In his rookie season as a major league manager, Cora guided the Red Sox to a franchise-record 108 victories and the team's fourth championship in 15 seasons.

He finished second in the AL Manager of the Year voting announced Tuesday.

"We have consistently been impressed by Alex at every turn," Red Sox chairman Tom Werner said in a statement. "His knowledge of the game, ability to connect with our players, and his incredible instincts and decisiveness led us to an historic championship season. We know we are in good hands and could not be more pleased to know he will be with us for the foreseeable future."

Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski was in search of new direction for the club when he fired former manager John Farrell after back-to-back Al Division Series losses in 2016 and 2017.

After the historic regular season, Cora then steered Boston past the 100-win Yankees and Astros in the AL playoffs before downing the Dodgers in the World Series.

"For me, 2018 was not only historic, but it was special as well, both on and off the field," Cora said in a statement. "We have a great appreciation for our accomplishments this past year, but now our focus moves forward to the season ahead and defending our World Series title."

During Boston's run Cora got the best out his young talent, led by AL MVP favorite Mookie Betts. They shined in player-centric approach in which Cora encouraged an aggressive hitting mentality, lots of hit-and-runs and active running of the bases.

Cora also the most out of his pitching staff, which included clutch performances in the postseason by Chris Sale and David Price. Neither pitcher had logged a playoff victory as a starter prior to this season.

Price had a tough time acclimating to Boston's rugged sports environment during his first two seasons of the seven-year, $217 million deal he signed in 2015.

He's found a groove late in the season, pitching the clinching Game 5 of the ALCS to help the Red Sox advance.

"Just his demeanor. It doesn't change," Price said last month. "I know it's easy to not change when your team wins 108 games in the regular season. But he hasn't changed one bit."

A member of the Red Sox's 2007 World Series title team as a player, Cora was the bench coach on Houston's 2017 championship team. He learned from manager A.J. Hinch that being close to players would be beneficial.

"Talking to players is not bad, having a relationship with players is not bad," Cora said in describing his managerial philosophy. "Doing that, you're going to get the best out of them. People may think that crossing that line is not helpful, but I see it the other way around, and I lived it."

Cora became the first manager from Puerto to guide a team to a championship.

Djokovic overcomes illness to progress at ATP Finals

LONDON (AP)—Novak Djokovic overcame an illness—and Alexander Zverev—to advance to the last four of the ATP Finals.

Using a tissue to blow his nose between points, Djokovic was able to beat Zverev 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday for his second straight victory of the tournament.

"Unfortunately, today hasn't been great in terms of that (illness)," Djokovic said. "Somehow I managed to gather the strength when I needed it."

Djokovic's passage to an eighth semifinal at the season-ending tournament was confirmed when Marin Cilic beat John Isner 6-7 (2), 6-3 6-4 in the late match.

The five-time champion saved two break points at 4-4 in the opening set and then broke Zverev in the following game to take the lead.

Zverev won only one more game.

"Maybe he was a little bit sick or something like that," Zverev said. "But he still played like he felt at his absolute best. That's kind of all that matters."

Zverev's earlier win over Cilic in the round-robin means both those players still have a chance of reaching the semifinals for the first time.

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Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays a return to Alexander Zverev of Germany during their ATP World Tour Finals men's singles tennis match at the O2 arena in London, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018.

The top-ranked Djokovic and third-seeded Zverev engaged in a number of thrilling early exchanges, but it wasn't until the ninth game that Zverev earned the first break point of the match, aided by a friendly net cord. Djokovic saved it with a service winner but then double-faulted to give the 21-year-old another opportunity.

Zverev played a defensive forehand slice to set up a chance to finish the point with a backhand lob, but his attempt drifted just wide and Djokovic held on for 5-4.

Zverev gave Djokovic a set point with a spate of errors in the next game, and conceded it with a double-fault.

"If I made the break, it goes the other direction a little bit," Zverev said.

In the second set, Djokovic broke for a 3-1 lead and then lost just one more point as he remained on track to equal Roger Federer's six titles at the tournament.

Victory in London would cap a remarkable season for Djokovic, who has already secured the year-end No. 1 ranking after dropping as low as No. 22 in June.

The 31-year-old Djokovic ended a two-year Grand Slam title drought by winning Wimbledon in July before collecting his 14th major trophy at the U.S. Open.

Cilic ended a four-match losing streak at the O2 Arena as he came from behind to beat Isner, the hard-serving American who is making his debut at the tournament. It was the first match all week that went to three sets.

"The first set was extremely tough and John played a great tie-break," Cilic said. "I had to stay patient, stay focused, and I played really great tennis in the second and third set."

Isner was wearing the initials 'KM' on his shoes as a tribute to his close friend and former fitness coach, Kyle Morgan, who died earlier this week.

"It's difficult, very difficult," Isner said. "Got to go out there and play."

Packers face Seahawks with playoff positioning at stake

SEATTLE (AP) Aaron Rodgers and Russell Wilson have faced off in a few memorable games in Seattle, from the "Fail Mary" to an unforgettable NFC championship game that sent the Seahawks to their second straight Super Bowl.

For the fifth straight regular season—and the seventh time overall since 2012— Green Bay and Seattle will meet again on Thursday night, but this time it's positioning in a jumbled NFC playoff picture at stake.

Washington, New Orleans, Chicago and the Los Angeles Rams are the division leaders in the NFC, leaving a pile of seven teams—including Seattle and Green Bay —within a couple of games of each other likely competing for the two wild-card spots. And every advantage or tiebreaker in that race—such as a head-to-head victory—could end up being crucial.

"I know that this team is very, very capable of doing what we're setting out to do," Wilson said. "I think everybody should watch out (for) what we can do."

Seattle (4-5) has dropped two straight after winning four of the previous five, and hasn't lost three straight since the middle of the 2011 season. Green Bay (4-4-1) snapped a two-game losing streak with a 31-12 thumping of Miami last week.

AP

Green Bay Packers' Davante Adams catches a touchdown pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, in Green Bay, Wis.

The "Fail Mary" in 2012, the 2014 season opener when Seattle raised its Super Bowl banner and the NFC title game after the 2014 season are the only three times Rodgers has lost to the Seahawks in his career.

The past two matchups with Seattle have been among Rodgers' best, throwing for 311 yards in a 17-9 win to open last season and in 2016 posting a 150.8 passer rating in a 38-10 Green Bay rout.

He also has the distinction of having won in Seattle—although that came 10 years ago.

"It's a tough environment like I said but we've definitely done it before," Rodgers said. "You've just got to start fast, take care of the football. They're very good at turning the ball over. I know this is different personnel on their side of the ball than we've seen over the years, but they're still playing really well."

Rodgers and Wilson are being helped this year by improved run games that are among the best in the league. Green Bay's Aaron Jones leads the NFL in yards per carry, while Seattle has the No. 1 rushing offense and last week rushed for 273 yards against the Rams without starting running back Chris Carson.

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chance for all paddlers to meet and also share some typhoon stories," said Andrew, whose group along with vice president Dino Manning, secretary Hazel Tudela, treasurer Shelli Neal, and race director Valerie Hofscneider were forced to cancel the 2018 Micronesian Cup, which was original scheduled for Oct. 26 to 28.

The NMNPSF head added that they are planning to hold more cleanup drives as they join the rest of the community in its recovery efforts after Yutu. They will be hooking up with other groups in clearing up the ocean.

"We will continue to collaborate with other groups and agencies to clear out as much as we can in the coming weeks and months until all typhoon-related debris are all clean out of the lagoon," Andrew said,

"The NMNPSF appreciates everyone's time and efforts in coming out to clean our 'playground' and wishes every one and their families the best as they continue their recovery efforts."

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pairing came from Simone Hall and Tess Rubin, who edged Megan Lynch and Kyra Harames, 6-4.

With her 2-0 performance against Colorado College, Heras earned a 3-1 record at the end of the fall season. Her first win in the NCAA Division 2 was against Rebecca Osterberg of Colorado Mesa, 6-0, 6-7, 7-6, and Heras' three-set victory allowed Dixie State to pull off a 4-3 triumph in its season opener. The Commonwealth player's lone loss so far this season was in the doubles, as she and Carlon were defeated by Kristen Kirby and Emily Beckley, 8-6.

Heras and her teammates at Dixie State were also scheduled to play against Metro-State Denver and Colorado State University-Pueblo last month, but both matches were canceled. The Trailblazers, who are competing in the Pacific West Conference in NCAA Division II along with 13 other schools in California, Hawaii, and Utah, will return to action in February.

LeBron passes Chamberlain on scoring list

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Portland Trail Blazers' early-season resume includes impressive victories over the Milwaukee Bucks, Boston Celtics, L.A. Clippers and Indiana Pacers.

They've even exacted a little revenge against the New Orleans Pelicans.

But one team has put a small asterisk on the Blazers' hot start to the season: The Los Angeles Lakers.

The Lakers (8-6) beat the Blazers (10-4) for the second time this season on Wednesday night at the Staples Center, riding a sensational performance from LeBron James to a 126-117 victory before a sellout crowd.

James fell one assist short of a triple-double and moved past Wilt Chamberlain on the NBA's all-time scoring list in a game in which he both dazzled and dominated. James finished with 44 points, 10 rebounds, nine assists and three blocks on a night the crowd serenaded him with "MVP" chants.

The chants were worthy on a night James put on a show. He tossed behind-the-back backdoor passes to Kyle Kuzma, alley-oops to JaVale McGee, completed thunderous driving dunks, had an incredible block on a Nik Stauskas dunk attempt and hit back-to-back threes to end the first half. By the end of the night, James had 13 of 19 shots, including 5 of 6 three-pointers, and had the Staples Center roaring.

Magic 111, 76ers 106

In Orlando, everything about Jimmy Butler's first game with the 76ers was going great, until the fourth quarter.

Butler had 14 points in his Philadelphia debut, but the 76ers collapsed late and lost to Orlando 111-106 after Terrence Ross hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 8.7 seconds left that helped the Magic finish off a big comeback Wednesday night.

"We're going to be just fine because once we put this together, we're going to be tough," said Butler, acquired Monday from Minnesota in a five-player swap.

The four-time All-Star played 33 minutes and shot 6 for 12 from the field after a couple of days spent adjusting to the big trade.

"A lot has been going on, but that's no excuse for not winning," he said. "No matter what, we're expected to win. I'm expecting to win, and we're expecting to win as a team. So that isn't an excuse."

Orlando scored 21 straight points in the fourth quarter, then held the 76ers without a field goal over the final 3 1/2 minutes.

"You don't just click your heels and win NBA games. We will use this as a way to remind everyone that this is the NBA," said 76ers coach Brett Brown.

Mavericks 118, Jazz 68

In Dallas, Harrison Barnes scored 19 points and the Dallas Mavericks handed the Jazz their worst loss since moving to Utah, 118-68, on Wednesday night.

While in New Orleans, the Jazz lost to Milwaukee by 56, 158-102 on March 14, 1979.

Dallas set a franchise mark for the fewest points allowed in a half at 22, giving up 13 in the third quarter and nine in the fourth. The previous record was 23 against Sacramento on Jan. 14, 2012.

Pistons 106, Raptors 104

In Toronto, Reggie Bullock made the winning shot as time expired and the Detroit Pistons rallied from a 19-point deficit to beat the Toronto Raptors, giving coach Dwane Casey a victory over his former team.

Blake Griffin had 30 points and 12 rebounds, Reggie Jackson and Langston Galloway each scored 13 points and Stanley Johnson had 12 for the Pistons. They had lost six of eight.

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points and Pascal Siakam and Greg Monroe each had 17 for the Raptors.

Grizzlies 116, Bucks 113

In Milwaukee, Marc Gasol scored 29 points, Mike Conley added 26 and Memphis used a late 15-2 run to hand Milwaukee its first home loss of the season.

After losing a 15-point lead in the third quarter, Memphis surged ahead again late and held on with key baskets from Conley. With the shot clock winding down, Conley hit a turnaround jumper in the middle of the lane for a 113-109 lead with 26 seconds left.

Timberwolves 107, Pelicans 100

In Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns had 25 points and 16 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins scored 23 points and Minnesota beat New Orleans to to improve to 2-0 since trading Jimmy Butler.

Jeff Teague added 14 points and 14 assists. E'Twaun Moore scored a season-high 31 and Anthony Davis had 29 points and 11 rebounds for the Pelicans.

Thunder 128, Knicks 103

In Oklahoma City, Paul George scored a season-high 35 points to help Oklahoma City rout New York.

AP

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James shoots a free throw to surpass Wilt Chamberlain's for career points and move into fifth place, during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won, 126-117.

Steven Adams had 19 points and seven rebounds, and Dennis Schroder added 15 points and 12 assists for the Thunder.

Celtics 111, Bulls 82

In Boston, Kyrie Irving had 17 points and seven assists and Boston routed Chicago.

Jaylen Brown scored 18 points and Jayson Tatum added 14 to help Boston rebound from two straight losses on a 1-4 trip. Gordon Hayward had 11 points, and Al Horford added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Wizards 119, Cavaliers 95

In Washington, Bradley Beal scored 20 points, Otto Porter added 15 and Washington beat undermanned Cleveland for its third straight victory.

Rookie Collin Sexton had a career-high 24 points for Cleveland. Playing the second of back-to-backs after topping Charlotte on Tuesday night, the Cavaliers are an NBA-worst 2-12.

Suns 116, Spurs 96

In Phoenix, T.J. Warren scored 16 of his 27 points in the first half and Phoenix built a big lead, almost lost it and then pulled away to beat San Antonio.

The Suns ended a four-game losing streak to improve to 3-11.

Deandre Ayton added 17 points and 10 rebounds, including a powerful dunk over Davis Bertans early in the fourth quarter. Isaiah Canaan had 19 points and made all five of his 3-pointers.

Heat 120, Nets 107

In New York, Tyler Johnson scored a season-high 24 points, Goran Dragic had 21 and Miami beat Brooklyn to snap a three-game losing streak.

Josh Richardson added 15 points and Hassan Whiteside had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat. They never trailed and led by as much as 23.

Why Durant's short-term deal with Warriors may cause turmoil

When Kevin Durant decided to join the Golden State Warriors during free agency in the summer of 2016, he ended up signing a one-plus-one contract.

A one-plus-one deal is a two-year contract, but it allows the player to become a free agent after one season if he chooses. It's a move LeBron James popularized when he returned to Cleveland in 2014, and it works for the player in two ways.

That deal allows a player to sign for more money the following season—even with the same team—if there's a significant spike in the NBA's salary cap. It also gives the player more freedom in free agency. He isn't locked into a long-term deal and can explore options sooner and more frequently.

That ability to become a free agent season after season is a root problem of the Draymond Green-Kevin Durant dust-up that threatens to torpedo the good thing Golden State has going.

The recent confrontation stems from an end-of-the-game play Monday against the Los Angeles Clippers in which Green committed a turnover as the fourth quarter expired. Durant, who had a 30-point triple-double, clamored for the basketball. Durant expressed his frustration at the end of regulation, and Green lashed out with the disagreement continuing after Golden State's overtime loss. According to The Athletic, Green called Durant an expletive and chastised him for dangling his contract situation over the franchise's collective head.

Ah yes, the contract. Durant chose free agency again in 2017 after helping Golden State to a title and re-signed on another one-plus-one deal. He took the free agency route again in July after helping the Warriors to a second consecutive title in 2018 and re-signed another one-plus-one deal.

Durant can become a free agent again after this season, creating the contractual turmoil and roster uncertainty that Golden State has been able to avoid with other players.

That kind of deal is good for the player but not always good for the team, which can feel like a hostage—always wondering if this is the player's last season. But Durant earned that right. He's an MVP and two-time Finals MVP. Not many players – perhaps only the top five players in the league—can pull off the one-plus-one deals season after season. Most players want the long-term security and guaranteed money.

But Durant and James can do it because of their unbelievable talents and because they have other sources of significant income such as endorsement deals and investments.

Durant's contract situation is a constant topic as Golden State tries to minimize distractions and win another title, adding to their dynasty. It doesn't make the situation any easier with increasing speculation that Durant will leave after this season. Multiple Eastern Conference executives are bracing for Durant to sign with the New York Knicks in July.

It leaves Golden State in a predicament. In some way, they must cater to the superstar, and in the case of Durant vs. Green, they have to choose a side, if they want the superstar to return. As good and integral as Green is, he's not Durant. If a team had to choose one or the other, a team chooses Durant.

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CNMI paddlers clean lagoon

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CNMI paddlers pick up debris along the shore in Civic Center during a cleanup drive last Nov. 4. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A pile of tin roofs was removed from the waters in Civic Center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Tin roofs are pictured here with the canoes parked at Kilili Beach.

A paddler pulls a tin roof out of the water in Civic Center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation members had a clean-up drive in the lagoon along Beach Road after Super Typhoon Yutu left their "playground" unsafe.

The cleanup was held last Nov. 4 and 10 with members of Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, the Saipan Paddling Club, Marianas Pacific Paddlers Canoe Club, Marianas Outrigger Canoe Club, and Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club picking up tin roofs, chunks of tree branches, and other debris left by the Category 5 typhoon when it hit Saipan and Tinian late last month.

"Super Typhoon Yutu left widespread devastation to our island and left our lagoon littered with all sorts of debris. The lagoon is our playground and the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation and all its member clubs decided to spend some time cleaning up typhoon-related debris off the ocean and the beaches," NMNPSF president Justin Andrew said. The cleanup took place at the Civic Center all the way to the lagoon across Atkin's Kroll in San Jose.

"The ocean/beach cleanup was organized as a potluck and was a great get-away from what seems to be endless daily typhoon debris cleanup routine at our residences. It was a

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Beach volleyball tourney set for Dec. 1

Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association will be holding the Yutu Relief Beach Volleyball All Schools Invitational 14U & 18U on Dec. 1

Interested players are asked to form their own team or sign up to be placed on a squad. Each team must have a minimum of four players and maximum of six. Two male and two female players should be on the court at all times and need to rotate when serving.

Registration fees are $5 or whatever one can afford, but they are encouraged to bring one item for donation. NMIVA will be providing a list of items to be donated and all proceeds will be for Yutu relief and disaster assistance. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Heras caps fall season with sweep

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So far, so good. Former CNMI junior player Isabel Heras' season debut in collegiate ranks has been impressive, as she helped Dixie State University earn a perfect record in the fall season.

The Trailblazers wrapped up the fall competition with an emphatic 8-1 victory over Colorado College last month with Heras contributing a pair of victories for DSU. Heras played in the No. 6 singles and walloped Gaby Jadotte, 6-0, 6-0, to hand Dixie State the sweep in the singles. Then in the doubles, the freshman teamed up with Yolena Carlon and they eked out a 6-4 triumph over Adela Burak and Annie Zlevor.

Dixie State's other doubles victory was courtesy of Elly Lloyd and Juliana Honczaruk, who topped Elise Chassman and Jadotte, 6-0. Colorado College's lone victory in the

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Isabel Heras, seen here competing in a local tournament, had a perfect record in her last game for the fall season with Dixie State University.